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Power outage paralyzes country

RACHEL NEIMAN

TRAFFIC halted, elevators stopped and people were left sweating in their homes and offices yesterday as a result of a power failure that affected some two-thirds of the country.

An Israel Electric Corporation spokesman said the source of the malfunction was "most likely a brush fire near Kibbutz Givat Haim that burned a high voltage cable, which is a part of the national electric carrier." The IEC said the kibbutz was not responsible for the fire.

The ensuing short circuit caused an imbalance in electric supply between the northern and coastal-area stations. This, in turn, overloaded other lines and caused a total shutdown in the southern power grid at about 1:00 p.m. By 1:45, power was out in all areas south of Hadera.

IEC deployed special teams who put emergency power sources such as gas turbines into operation and worked to correct the malfunction.

Power was gradually restored to sections of the country after 4:00 p.m., with most areas regaining electricity by 5:45 p.m. Damage to business and industry as a result of the power failure were estimated at NIS 120 million.

Yesterday afternoon, Energy Minister Gonen Segal appointed former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat to head an independent investigating committee "to examine how a power failure of such vast proportions had occurred," and how it could be prevented from recurring.

Segal was hesitant to admit that yesterday's power failure was proof that other sources of electricity are vital to Israel's infrastructure, saying only "any hook-up to or manufacture of

[alternative] electric power will bring about fewer power outages."

He pointed out that the IEC was in the process of constructing a 400 kv national electric carrier. The present system carries a load of 160 kv.

Traffic jams were the main problem during the power outage. Traffic lights were knocked out and tremendous snarls developed in the greater Tel Aviv area, Jerusalem and Beersheba. Intercity roads were also blocked.

Many people were stuck in elevators. The Tel Aviv emergency fire brigade estimated it received some 200 calls reporting incidents of passengers caught midway between floors. Firemen battled traffic to reach the locations and help release those trapped.

Mekorot water-pumping stations experienced slowdowns and citizens were asked to cut down on water usage.

The blackout also disrupted the English matriculation exam. Not only were classrooms dim, but not all schools had battery-operated radios on hand to receive the English comprehension section broadcast on Israel Radio. The section was rebroadcast later in the afternoon.

Trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange halted for 45 minutes until generators were put into operation.

Banks emerged relatively unscathed. "Anywhere we have main computers we also have generators," said Bank Hapoalim's spokeswoman. Some workers in the bank's downtown offices continued to work, unaware of the extent and length of the power failure. Branch offices fared less well, with transactions being carried out by



Derech Petah Tikva in Tel Aviv looks like a big parking lot yesterday after traffic lights failed in the power outage.

hand. Life-support systems operated and surgery was conducted as usual at hospitals, which are equipped with generators. Air traffic at Ben-Gurion Airport was not affected.

Liat Collins adds: Segal expressed regret for the power cut and said he would consider ways of compensating users for the inconvenience and financial loss. He noted, however, that huge sums of money are being invested in improving the power supply and the outages had significantly decreased from year to year. Several Knesset members said they would raise the subject as

an urgent motion to the agenda in the plenum next week. Likud MK Silvan Shalom said he would convene a meeting of the Knesset Energy Committee, which he chairs, to discuss the matter.

"This type of incident de-

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IDF ready to leave 4 towns in territories

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE IDF is likely to redeploy from Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm, and Kalkilya during the first stage of the agreement that is supposed to be reached with the Palestinians by July 1. Reuters reported yesterday. The report has been confirmed by other sources.

Israel and the Palestinians have seriously accelerated the pace of their talks in a bid to meet the deadline, although even Palestinian negotiators concede that negotiations may not be concluded by then.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid predicted on Wednesday that the two sides would complete the talks by July 15.

"Things are moving, and common papers are now being drafted. Both sides are working to reduce differences," Palestinian Authority Economics Minister Ahmed Oreia told Reuters. Palestinians want their elections to be held in September, while Israel is believed to favor the end of October or November. Senior Israeli officials said first phase of redeployment should occur a few weeks before the actual balloting, so nobody could charge Israel with interfering in the campaigning.

Palestinian spokesmen have said they would like a guarantee that redeployment from other Arab population centers will follow the initial one. In the interview, Oreia said he wanted rede-

ployment completed within two months after the Palestinian elections.

In the last few months, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has publicly insisted that redeployment will be contingent on an absence of Palestinian terrorism.

It remains unclear if the informal cease-fire reached by the PA and the Islamic militants will continue until the conclusion of the talks, or more critically, whether it will continue indefinitely in a way that will make redeployment possible.

Another factor that is likely to influence the pace of redeployment is the construction of roads to settlements that bypass Palestinian towns. While all agree such bypass roads will not eliminate the threat of a determined suicide

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Israel to discuss various territorial scenarios with Syria

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAEL is willing to discuss a variety of territorial "scenarios" during the upcoming top-level security negotiations with Syria, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Rabin made his remarks to reporters while standing alongside visiting Secretary of State Warren Christopher, after the two had completed their discussions. Christopher will visit Damascus tomorrow in a bid to prepare the substantive and procedural groundwork for the talks between Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Syrian Chief of Staff Gen. Hikmet Shihabi in Washington at the end of this month.

The "scenarios" idea seems to have resolved a dilemma regarding how the security talks could proceed. Until now, Rabin has insisted that he

would not announce the depth of a Golan withdrawal until the scope of security arrangements is known. The problem, however, was how negotiations on security arrangements could take place without agreed-upon models for withdrawal.

"It is possible to discuss security arrangements in a broad view, without knowing lines, or to prepare several possible scenarios," Rabin said. "There is a possibility of discussing, in a broad view, a specific area even if there is no exact definition of the border."

He noted that Israel and Syria have agreed that the security arrangements are designed to prevent surprise attacks by either side, unexpected border incidents, and misinterpretation of planned military exercises.

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IEC announces electricity price rise

It was a combination of poor timing and bad taste. While nearly two-thirds of the country was paralyzed by power outages yesterday, the Energy Ministry announced a 3 percent hike in the price of electricity. The hike is a regular adjustment made due to fluctuating fuel prices, a ministry spokesman said.

Liat Collins

US Marines rescue downed F-16 pilot

NAPLES, Italy (AP) - US Marines, coming under missile and small arms fire, rescued an American fighter pilot yesterday six days after he was shot down by Serb rebels in Bosnia.

The pilot, Scott O'Grady of Spokane, Washington, made radio contact with a NATO plane flying overhead at around 2:30 a.m., said spokesman Lt. Commander Mike Considine.

Three hours later a squad of Marines from the USS Kearsarge, stationed in the Adriatic, dropped in by helicopter and plucked the pilot from the terrain of northwestern Bosnia, Considine said.

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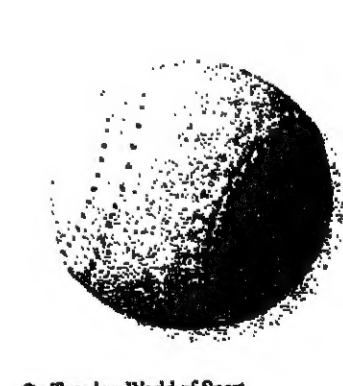
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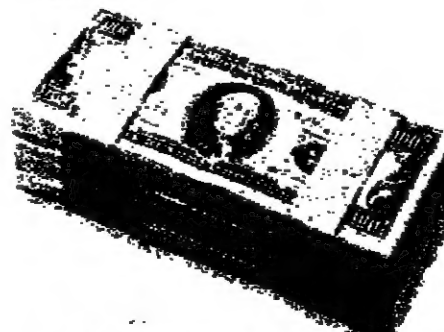
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Abdel-Shafi sets up movement to 'promote democracy'

HAIDAR Abdel-Shafi yesterday announced the establishment of a new political movement that will promote the ideals of democracy in opposition to the "dictatorship" of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, whom he considers too conciliatory towards Israel.

The respected former chief Palestinian negotiator, who opposed the Oslo accords, stressed at a press conference in Jerusalem that his Movement for Building

Palestinian Democracy is not a political party. His movement's manifesto gives the impression it wants to be a watchdog and an educator, seeking to empower others to create a pluralistic Palestinian society.

He did not rule out competing in elections, but said this would not happen unless the elections are for a legislature and Palestinian residents of Jerusalem are permitted to stand as candidates, two conditions so far rejected by

Israel.

If Abdel-Shafi runs, it is likely he could personally garner 10 percent of the vote against Arafat's 55%, according to recent Palestinian polls. Abdel-Shafi distinguished his movement from other leftist opposition groups saying, "I believe there is no difference in the ultimate objectives. But there is a difference of emphasis."

That emphasis, he said, is "democracy, legality, and human

JON EMMANUEL

rights," which is certain to rile Popular Front and Democratic Front members, who say they uphold those same principles.

The real difference is that he did not openly oppose Arafat, but appeared to seek the elder statesman's role by encouraging Arafat to change his style of leadership.

Abdel-Shafi's movement is supported by the Palestinian People's Party which has no armed wing. It is opposed by members of Fatah, even those who would like to see a tougher Arafat stand toward Israel, because they see Fatah as a national movement and the PA's main watchdog.

The timing of Abdel-Shafi's announcement, which has been awaited for several months, may have been connected to the arrival of US Secretary of State War-

ren Christopher.

Meanwhile, Faisal Hussein, the PLO's senior official in Jerusalem, spoke to the Prisoners' Club at the Kasaba Theater, down the street from Orient House in eastern Jerusalem. He demanded the release of all security prisoners, who should have been freed, he said, "without any connection to the circumstances which brought about their arrest."

The meeting was attended by

MK Hashem Mahameed (Hades).

Some 6,000 still remain in jail, and more than 3,500 Islamic fundamentalists have been arrested by Israel since the PA assumed control in Gaza and Jericho a year ago.

In Jericho, Arafat met with special US Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross.

"I believe progress in each track is helpful to progress in the whole area," Ross said.

Opposition, settlers revive protest committee

HERB KEINON

OPPOSITION parties and settlement leaders revived a joint protest committee at a meeting in Alfei Menashe yesterday, but stopped short of drawing up plans to move armed citizens into army bases evacuated by the IDF when it redeployed in the territories.

Likud MK Tzahi Hanegbi and Tsomet MK Moshe Peled told Israel Radio that such plans were in the works, with Peled even talking about an "alternative army."

But Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu said "we do not intend to set up an additional army" and that all acts of protest will be through "legal means."

Uri Ariel, head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said no decision on taking over evacuated army outposts has been made.

But if the IDF moves out of the areas, he said, Jews will travel there with arms and use their weapons — employing the principle that "if anyone comes to kill you, kill him first."

A major protest is scheduled prior to the July 1 target date of an agreement with the Palestinians on IDF redeployment, but Ariel would not say where or when it would take place. Settlement leaders are promising a busy next three weeks in an attempt to express what they maintain is public displeasure with moving on to the next stage of the Oslo accords.

MKs Hanegbi, Peled raise furor with talk of settler army

LIAT COLLINS

STATEMENTS by two opposition MKs that armed civilians are being organized to protect Israeli citizens after the planned IDF withdrawal from Arab centers of population have caused an uproar in the coalition.

Likud MK Tzahi Hanegbi told Israel Radio yesterday that armed civilians would move into the empty bases evacuated under the second stage of the agreement with the Palestinians.

Tsomet MK Moshe Peled later told the same program that an "alternative army" is being organized and that it would have thousands of volunteers.

Peled said this defense force would have a clear hierarchy and volunteers have already been equipped with cars, cellular phones and beepers.

"If the army won't protect the Jews of Israel, there will be civilian volunteers who will," said Peled. Hanegbi said that with the IDF evacuation, cities such as Kfar Sava, Ra'anana, RoshHa'ayin, Herzliya and others would find themselves bordering on Gaza-style terrorist bases.

Among the first to respond was Meretz MK Dedi Zucker, chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, who sent a letter to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair asking that he ensure that Peled realizes such statements are illegal.

"It is a definite possibility that we are talking about yet another phan-

tom vision of an MK [Peled] who suffers from an excess of panic and hysteria, but this type of Phalangist talk could end in an act whose beginning was a bad joke and whose consequences are dangerous," wrote Zucker.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said he would not allow this type of organization to be established, but stressed that he knows of nothing to support Peled's claims.

"I hope he's just talking like this because the summer heat is getting to him and causing him to say such unfounded things. I hope he'll cool off when the heat wave breaks," Shahal said.

Meretz MK Avraham Poraz said: "Israel is a law-abiding country. No one is going to establish Phalangist groups or take the law into their own hands."

Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zivli said the "plans by the right and Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza to hinder the implementation of the second stage of the agreement with the Palestinians would lead, consciously or otherwise, to civil war."

Coalition chairman Ra'anan Cohen (Labor) attacked yesterday's opposition gathering at Alfei Menashe, and accused the Likud of panic-mongering and encouraging "the worst kind of civil revolt."

"A press conference is no alternative for the Likud's foul-ups, he said."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two die in road accident

Eli and Hana Zano, 54 and 47, were killed on the Arava road yesterday morning, when their vehicle swerved into the opposite lane and collided head-on with a tractor-trailer.

Amir Rozenblit

Two rob Haifa bank at gunpoint

Two armed robbers held up a Bank Hapoalim branch in Haifa yesterday and escaped with NIS 40,000. One of the bandits was wearing an army uniform and was armed with an Uzi. The second wore civilian clothes.

The pair forced a bank employee to hang up the phone on which she was talking when they entered the bank, then took the money and fled.

Itim

Funds approved for army's redeployment

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday reapproved NIS 245 million in initial funding for the army's redeployment in Judea and Samaria, and authorized the army to commit to an additional NIS 300m. in outlays.

The total cost of the program is expected to be NIS 908m. this year. The revote was held at the request of opposition MKs, after the committee approved the allocation 8-7 on Wednesday. Yesterday's vote was 9-4.

Palestinian TV goes on air

The PLO launched Palestinian Television this week, broadcasting to Jerusalem and parts of Judea and Samaria from Jericho.

The initial telecast featured news of the Palestinian Authority's cabinet meeting in Jericho on Tuesday, chaired by PLO head Yasser Arafat, and a film on Germany to mark the visit to the city on Wednesday by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The station is now seen in Jericho, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem and expects to expand its viewing area.

Reuter

Beduin protest construction

Contractors knocked down two sheep pens belonging to Beduin just outside Ma'aleh Adumim yesterday.

The city's mayor said it was a mistake, but the Jahalin tribe, which is currently embroiled in a legal battle with Ma'aleh Adumim over land, claimed it was an intentional breach of a High Court injunction.

The tribe has petitioned the High Court to stop its eviction from the land — which has been declared state land — and resettlement in permanent housing. Pending a decision, the court has barred the municipality from evicting the Beduin.

Herb Keinon



US Secretary of State Warren Christopher speaks yesterday at a press conference after arriving here to help prepare the groundwork for Israeli-Syrian security talks. (Isaac Hani)

IDF outpost near Tulkarm dismantled

ALON PINKAS

THE army dismantled an outpost near Tulkarm on Wednesday night and yesterday, but denied that it is a part of its redeployment in the territories.

According to army sources, the three bases that will be vacated in the first stage of the redeployment will be Kedumim, Gush Etzion, and Dotan. Preparations to relocate the bases within the Green Line began earlier in the week.

All three serve as basic training camps. The decision to relocate them was explained as an attempt to minimize the movement of untrained soldiers in the territories. The bases will be used for forces that are to withdraw from population centers in Judea and Samaria.

The vacated outpost is a small base built in 1990. It was vacated because, according to an army

source, "it no longer serves any military purpose."

The base was also used by the civil administration.

The army would not confirm a news agency report saying that the land on which the base was built would be returned to a Palestinian family in the Tulkarm area.

To our readers

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Jordan gets a kosher restaurant

AMMAN (Reuters) - An Israeli rabbi slaughtered animals here according to Jewish law on Wednesday in a dress rehearsal for the opening of Jordan's first kosher eatery. "Our restaurant will be open to Jews, Arabs and anyone who wants to come in," said Ali Azza, manager of the Istanbul Restaurant, which was to open yesterday.

The 110-seat restaurant, an Israeli initiative, will be run by Jordanian Khaled Mohammed Ali and a three-partner Israeli firm. Diplomats at the nearby temporary quarters of the Israeli Embassy have been invited to the opening of the restaurant, off a main street in Amman's Abdali section.

"We are not afraid, why should we be?" Azza told Reuters, after the rabbi had slaughtered chicken and sheep. "We have not received any threats."

Harizat's family withdraws High Court petition

THE family of Abdel Samed Harizat, who died as the result of a General Security Service interrogation, yesterday withdrew its petition to the High Court of Justice, but may take further action later.

The petition's goal was to force the state to give the family the

pathologist's report on Harizat's death.

It became pointless once the Justice Ministry did so on Wednesday, after announcing its decision to bring the investigator responsible before a disciplinary tribunal, rather than filing criminal charges.

The pathologist's report said that Harizat died from a brain hemorrhage, which resulted from being violently shaken by one of his interrogators.

However, it also said death from shaking is so rare that the

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investigator was probably not even aware that the possibility existed.

For this reason State Attorney Dorit Beinisch decided he could not be held criminally liable.

Attorney Andre Rosenthal,

representing the Harizat family, said the family wants the report to be studied by its own pathologist, Dr. Derek Pounder of Scotland, before deciding what, if any, action to take.

He said, however, that he doubted the family would be satisfied with Beinisch's decision.

If a father had shaken his son, and the boy died as a result, "I don't believe they would have brought him before a disciplinary tribunal," he said.

"[The investigator] killed a man with his own hands," Rosenthal said. "This isn't some rare blood disease."

Peace Now seeks probe of Samaria Council's political action fund

HERB KEINON

PEACE Now this week called on the attorney-general to look into the legality of a fund set up and administered by the Samaria Regional Council to fight Palestinian autonomy.

According to Peace Now spokesman Dani Miodownik, in the beginning a small tax was collected from the residents of the area's settlements for the fund, but now it is voluntary.

In a letter to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, Peace Now quoted from the latest ombudsman's report, which determined that the establishment of such a fund is not within the purview of a local or regional council.

Peace Now's letter is part of a campaign to get local councils to stop using money for political purposes.

In response to a Peace Now petition, the High Court of Justice last week issued a temporary injunction barring the Golan Regional Council and its various settlement committees from funding the campaign to keep the region under Israeli sovereignty.

Yehiel Leiter, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said "there is nothing more natural or legal than elected officials trying to ensure the welfare of their constituents."

Poet Darwish may visit Israel - 'if he renounces terror'

LIAT COLLINS

PALESTINIAN poet Mahmoud Darwish may visit Israel if he renounces his support for the peace process and renounces terror, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said yesterday.

Gur was answering a parliamentary question raised by Tzvi Ben-Dor (Democratic Arab Party).

Earlier this week, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told Yasser Arafat's adviser Ahmed Tibi to inform Arafat that Israel would allow Darwish to visit the autonomous areas.

Darwish, a member of the Palestinian National Council's executive committee, left his Galilee village of

Jedida in 1972 and moved to France. Since then his return has been blocked by the authorities.

Israeli Arabs have recently been stepping up their campaign to allow Darwish to visit. Nazareth Mayor Ramaz Jarisi and Hadash MK Hashem Mahameed have asked President Ezer Weizman to allow Darwish to attend a memorial service for the late mayor and MK Tawfik Zayyad scheduled for July 5.

Arafat has also raised the issue several times during meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Peres and Darwish met at a reception held for Peres in Paris.

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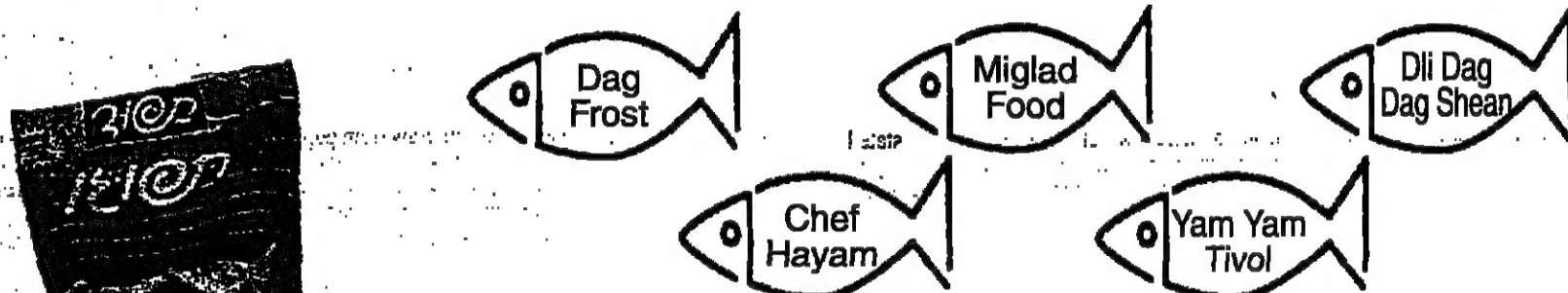
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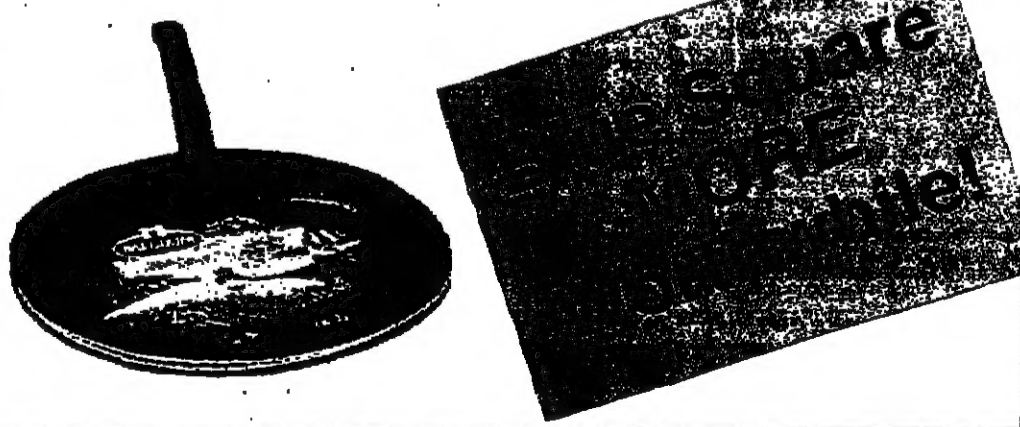


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OK sought for live-donor transplants

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry's committee on human experimentation will hold an emergency meeting Sunday at the request of Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, to discuss his request to allow organ transplants from a live donor.

Sneh said last month that in view of progress in organ transplantation, he wants to allow first-degree relatives of cystic fibrosis (CF) patients to be able to donate a part of a lung for transplant.

The committee, chaired by ministry director-general Dr. Meir Oren, is responsible for approving all such new procedures.

The committee must set general guidelines for live-donor transplants and specific guidelines relating to CF patients.

Some 300 young Israelis suffer from the genetic disease, which causes thick mucus to accumulate in the lungs, resulting in serious infections.

Although treatment has improved in recent years, there is no cure, and most patients die by the time they reach their thirties unless they undergo a lung transplant.

Local surgeons know how to perform a lung transplant from a live donor. But donor organs are hard to get here, and thus most patients have flown abroad for the expensive surgery.

The committee includes a chief rabbi, a Christian philosopher, a kadi, a representative of the Israel Medical Association and various academics. Every major hospital has its own auxiliary committee to decide on experimental procedures in the institution.

Meanwhile, Oren called on all senior medical personnel to increase their awareness of patients' rights. In a directive distributed to all hospitals and clinics, he said patients and their families have basic rights that must be respected.

These include respect for privacy and the individual, consent for medical treatment, the right to full information and a second opinion if desired.

These rights will be included in a Patients' Rights Bill introduced in the Knesset three years ago that is still moving through the legislative process.

Water prices go up 11.8%

EVELYN GORDON

An 11.8 percent rise in water prices was approved by the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Prices from now on will be NIS 2.07 for the first 8 c.u.m. (up from NIS 1.85), NIS 3.10 for the next 7 c.u.m. (up from NIS 2.77), and NIS 4.57 for each additional cubic meter (up from NIS 4.10). In Eilat, prices will be 17% lower, since there is no VAT there.

The surcharge for maintenance of the water systems will rise from

NIS 0.10 to NIS 0.12 per c.u.m.

According to the Treasury, the increase was needed because Mekorot is now charging the local authorities more for water. (The local authorities get water from Mekorot and then distribute it.) Supplying water has become more expensive for the local authorities in other ways as well, the Treasury said.

Dan Tichon (Likud) was the only committee member to vote against the increase.



German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is presented a collection of facsimiled historic documents by Hebrew University President Hanoch Gutfreund, at a ceremony yesterday naming the university's new Institute for European Studies for Kohl. At a press conference to conclude his visit, Kohl said a strong German-Israeli relationship 50 years after the Holocaust is a "true miracle."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four held in underworld murder

Four suspects in the Wednesday night murder of underworld figure Doron Ben-Harush, 25, of Rishon LeZion, were arrested late Wednesday night and early yesterday morning. Police believe the killing was a settling of underworld accounts. The suspects, aged between 25 and 30, are residents of Tel Aviv and Lod.

Nazareth, Upper Nazareth get more land
The Interior Ministry has decided to transfer thousands of dunams of land from the Jezreel Valley Regional Council to the cities of Nazareth and Upper Nazareth, outgoing Interior Minister Uzi Baram said yesterday.

Baram was speaking at a Jerusalem ceremony in which he turned his portfolio over to Justice Minister David Liba'i. Baram said he approved the decision upon the recommendation of a special committee which determined that both cities were suffering from a lack of land for housing and industrial expansion.

Probe of meningitis death

The Health Ministry will appoint a committee to investigate the death of eight-year-old Yossi Alfasi, who was treated at the Kiryat Shmona emergency room and succumbed to bacterial meningitis after being discharged.

The ministry said yesterday that the child, who complained of nausea, headache and fever, was treated and sent home. His body was examined by a pathologist, who said he suffered from meningitis. The district health office undertook an epidemiological investigation as well.

Israel wins tourism awards

For the second straight year, Israel has been named "The Most Preferred Destination in the Middle East" by the magazine *Travel Trade Gazette*. The award will be presented to the Government Tourist Office in North America at the magazine's annual gala in New York this weekend. Israel was also designated the preferred convention destination in the Middle East.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Lotto jackpot winner will buy apartments for grandchildren

A 74-YEAR-OLD retiree from the Dan region was the sole winner of this week's NIS 11 million Lotto jackpot.

"I was a metal worker for 37 years and earned NIS 2,000 a month," he said yesterday. "Now I'm living on pensions from the National Insurance Institute and Mivtahim. My winnings will al-

low me to do things I never thought I would be able to do. Soon, I will take my wife to a hotel, take trips here and abroad, and maybe buy a nicer apartment."

"I have two children and six grandchildren, and I plan to buy each grandchild an apartment," he said. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

10 Omer women celebrate their bat mitzva together

AMIR ROZENBLIT

TEN women from Omer, near Beersheba, all of them mothers and some of them grandmothers, recently celebrated a joint bat mitzva at the town's Masorti (Conservative) synagogue.

The idea for the joint ceremony came from Sheila Spitz, an English teacher who has belonged to the synagogue for many years. Her husband Ed taught her the cantillation of the Torah portion. Another participant was Naomi Gratz, wife of the congregation's religious leader, Rabbi Michael Gratz.

"After many years of hearing about full equal rights at services for men and women, I felt that the real-

ity was lacking," Spitz said. "Most of the women didn't participate at the same level as the men because of a lack of knowledge and experience. I thought that if we women were to really benefit from equality, we must take upon ourselves the responsibility to play an active role in the services, just like the men."

"The idea to form a women's class that would learn together and work together for a common goal was very attractive to me and to my friends. We saw it as an intellectual challenge, an opportunity to study our faith and to feel part of the congregation through taking responsibility in the synagogue."

Air force chief Bodinger in US

ALON PINKAS

OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger is now visiting air force bases and installations in the US, an air force source confirmed last night.

The visit has sparked speculation that Bodinger will observe early warning stations and other electronic surveillance equipment Israel may ask the US to supply in the event of a withdrawal from the Golan Heights. However, the source denied these issues or systems are on Bodinger's agenda.

"He is a guest of the US air force

and it is no more than a routine visit that every air force commander makes more than once during his tenure," the source said.

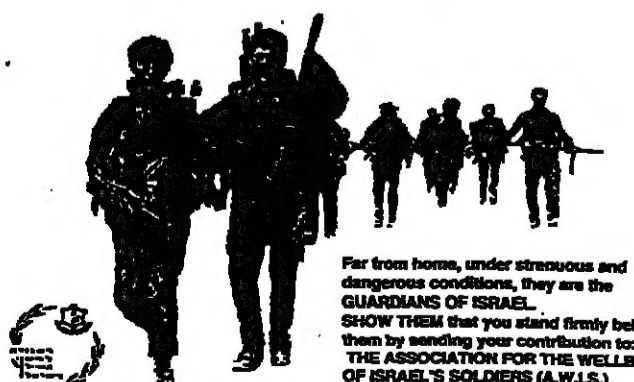
However, another military source said Bodinger will receive an orientation on the advanced air surveillance and coordination plane, JSTARS. Israel has unofficially expressed interest in the expensive airplane, to supplement the AWACS the air force already has.

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'Ha'aretz' editor gives evidence in wiretap probe

RAINE MARCUS

HA'ARETZ news editor Moshe Gal was summoned to give evidence at the national crimes squad headquarters yesterday in connection with the media wiretapping case.

The daily's crime reporter, Reuven Shapira, who is suspected of using information obtained through wiretapping for an article he wrote about a secret agreement between Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and the haredim, was questioned under caution some 10 days ago.

Shapira denied all the allegations, which were based on a complaint filed by accused wiretapper Rafi Friedman, who said he had given the journalist the tape of Milo's conversations. Gal was asked to give evidence in connection with the tape. Shapira accused the head of the investigating team, Ch. Supt. Zion Sasson, of disrupting a police probe by discussing details about him in a remand hearing of a private investigator who had no connection to the reporter.

He has filed a complaint against Sasson to the Justice Ministry's police investigations department.

Meanwhile, police probing the media wiretapping case have nearly completed the investigation of *Ma'ariv* publisher and editor David Nimrod, his security officer David Ronen and others.

Most of their files have been transferred to the State Attorney's Office, with a recommendation to indict.

Philanthropist Leon Tamman dies at 67

BUSINESSMAN and philanthropist Leon Tamman, one of the heads of the World Sephardic Federation, died Wednesday at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem following a serious illness. He was 67.

Tamman, a native of Sudan who lived in Geneva and London, built an international business empire of hotels, construction companies, financial management firms, and other businesses. His investments here, estimated at close to \$100 million, included ownership of the Daniel Hotel in Herzliya and Jerusalem Capital Studios. He was on the board of governors of several of the country's universities.

He was buried yesterday on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

Poll: Netanyahu beats Rabin without Levy

SARAH HONIG

A POLL conducted after MK David Levy said he would leave the Likud indicates that the tremors in the party have not greatly affected the prospects of leader Benjamin Netanyahu in a direct contest against Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Netanyahu would come out ahead with 41 percent of the vote, while Rabin trails with 37 percent, the poll shows. The rest of the respondents were undecided.

The poll was conducted by Gallup on Tuesday and Wednesday and is based on a representative sample of 611 adult Israelis.

The pollsters decided to pit only Rabin and Netanyahu against each other and not include other possible contestants. It is assumed that these candidates would be eliminated in the first round, leaving only Rabin and Netanyahu for a runoff.

Day-care fees up 6% this fall

DAY-CARE center fees will increase six percent as of September 1, under an agreement reached between the country's women's organizations and the government, the Treasury reported yesterday.

Government subsidies to the women's organizations will be cut from 10% of recognized day-care center expenditures to only 5%.

The Labor Ministry said it will improve the array of benefits available to parents entitled to subsidies, with an emphasis on helping disadvantaged populations, especially in development towns. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

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'Blacklist' reform worries chief rabbis

HERB KEINON

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret will meet with the chief rabbis and the Chief Rabbinate Council in two weeks to discuss the recently implemented change in the way people are placed on a list of those forbidden, for halachic reasons, from marrying other Jews.

The meeting was initiated by Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, and comes amid fear that questions of marriage and divorce are being taken out of the rabbinate's hands.

Under Shetret's reform, a registrar with the status of a magistrate's court judge will have the final say whether someone should be placed on the list.

Although Shetret met with the chief rabbis before he unveiled his plan and spelled out the guidelines, Lau said that the word "registrar" never came up. The plan was approved at last week's cabinet meeting.

Lau said that many of the people on the list, which Shetret said includes 4,150 names, are either no longer living or have left the country. Many others, he said, are women who were involved in an adulterous relationship and can marry other Jews, except for their ex-husband or the person with whom they had the affair.

Shetret recommended that the state pay for those on the list - and tens of thousands of others he said could be included - to travel abroad for civil marriages.

MK Shlomo Benizri (Shas) said that the change in how the list is drawn up and the call to finance civil marriages abroad constitute a grave breakdown of the status quo. He said that it shows why a religious party needs to be in the coalition, since the "breakdown of the status quo is much worse than harming parts of Eretz Yisrael."

Meanwhile, Hemdat, the Council for Freedom of Science, Religion, and Culture, welcomed Shetret's reforming this cabinet's decision to "pass legislation allowing civil marriages, rather than sending those on the list abroad for civil ceremonies."

Sending a message that only appearances matter

COMMENT
HERB KEINON

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret's call for people unable to marry under Jewish law to be sent abroad for civil marriages bears striking similarities to recent revelation that he has two government cars: a "kosher" ministerial Volvo he drives during the week, and a less conspicuous "treif" Mitsubishi he drives on Shabbat.

The reason for the two-car arrangement, Shetret explained, was that if he drove the recognizable Volvo he would be sending insensitivity to the religious public.

His solution was not to stop driving, which would really have gone to the root of the problem. Nor was it to simply say that he is not Shabbat observant and is going to drive on Saturday, which would have been just plain honest.

Rather, he chose to create a situation in which he would drive on Shabbat, without it being obvious that he was driving on Shabbat. Perception, not reality, is what mattered.

The same logic is at work behind his scheme to send what he says may be tens of thousands of people abroad for civil marriages.

It skirts the problem, and pleases no one.

The rabbis are not going to be thrilled with the state shelling out millions of shekels to fund honeymooners in Cyprus, Jordan, or Egypt for manzumah and adulterous women.

And the secular public is going to think the whole scheme ludicrous. If the state is paying anyway, runs the logic, why not just perform the civil ceremonies here and be honest with ourselves.

But, like the "treif" car, this plan makes it look like the country is upholding Halacha, when in fact it isn't. It sends the problematic message that what is important is appearance, not substance.

Iraqis plead for freedom

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice is to rule within a few days on whether 31 Iraqis who crossed into Israel claiming refugee status should be granted it and released from jail.

All have been in prison for more than a year; the first to arrive has been in prison more than three years.

The government is unwilling to grant them refugee status because it suspects them of being spies or terrorists. No non-Arab country has agreed to accept them, and they do not want to be expelled to one of Israel's Arab neighbors - the state's proposed solution.

The petitioners' attorney, Zvi Reish of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, charged that the security argument is a fiction, because the government has not been treating the Iraqis as a security threat.

Most were interrogated for a couple of hours when they first arrived, he said, and have not been questioned since - as opposed to most suspected terrorists, who are interrogated around the clock.

Those housed in jails inside the Green Line have been allowed to do outside work, have visitors, and meet with their lawyers - privileges not usually accorded suspected terrorists and spies, he said.

Furthermore, he said, the petitioners have been in jail for an average of 18 months to 2 years. How long, he asked, does it take the state to determine whether they are a threat or not?

However, Justices Aharon Barak, Gavriel Bach, and Ya'acov Kedmi seemed unsympathetic to Reish's arguments.

"These are the complications that stem from being in a state of war," Barak said. "If there is not enough evidence to try them, but there are suspicions - let's say serious ones - what are you supposed to do? What does an enlightened, democratic country do in such a situation?"

The government's response to Reish's arguments, mostly reasons for believing the Iraqis a security threat, was given in camera.



Irving Moskowitz (left), one of the major contributors to the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Old City, and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron carry a Torah in a festive ceremony. Moskowitz, of the US, contributed the Torah in memory of Elhanan Afari, a yeshiva student stabbed to death by two Arabs in 1991, and Danny Guri, one of the first Jews to move into the Moslem Quarter, who died of an illness. Several hundred Jewish residents of the Moslem Quarter participated in the ceremony. "We cannot forget for a moment that our generation was chosen to realize the return to Zion," Moskowitz said. "After 2,000 years of sacrifice for the dream of returning to Jerusalem, we cannot allow it to be taken away from us."

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The best news in years

WHEN Natan Sharansky talks of bringing another million Jews from the former Soviet Union and a million more from the West, it is tempting to dismiss him as a dreamer. But only seven years ago he was dismissed as a dreamer when he warned the government to be prepared for a massive wave of immigration from the USSR.

Sharansky is, of course, a dreamer - but in the sense that the first Zionists were dreamers. Like them, he builds his dreams with the bricks and mortar of uncompromising, ruthless realism. One does not come out of nine years in the Gulag with too many illusions about the facts of life.

His decision to enter political life is clearly motivated by a dream - a Zionist dream. Representing the antithesis of the "post Zionist" philosophy, which wishes to replace the ingathering of exiles with a faceless integration into the region, Sharansky still seems to believe that Israel can be a magnet for all Jews, not just a shelter for the persecuted.

As a realist, he assumes that there is no way to bring about the fulfillment of this Zionist dream without attaining political power. It would have been nice had the existing parties felt as compelled as he does to place aliyah at the top of their priority scale. But the unfortunate fact is that aliyah has become not only secondary in the parties' agendas, but an unfashionable subject in the political arena. There are even those among the "post Zionists" who - having adopted the Arab interpretation of Zionist history - deem aliyah an obstacle to peace.

The major parties will try to paint Shar-

ansky's "Yisrael Ba'aliya" movement as a purely parochial, one-issue lobby intended to promote the interests of recent immigrants. And there is always a danger that the impatient among his followers will want simply to trade their political clout for immediate, practical rewards. But if Sharansky's recent pronouncements are any indication, the purpose of this movement, though based on a hard core of relative newcomers, is to change the order of priorities of the whole nation.

That is why the success of Yisrael Ba'aliya depends on its appeal not only to recent immigrants from the CIS and Ethiopia, but to veteran Israelis of all walks of life. If the movement established on Wednesday becomes a party and Sharansky runs for the Knesset as its leader, he must not consider his goal only to improve absorption policies and make the integration of newcomers easier. He and his followers must aim at revitalizing the Zionist impulse and strive to turn Israel into an irresistible lodestone for Jews everywhere.

If Sharansky achieves nothing more than the reexamination by the major parties of their own agendas, even if they do so purely out of fear of his electoral power, he will have justified the founding of his political movement. But his personal integrity, his legendary charisma, his world fame, and his spectacular record - in building the protest movement which eventually contributed to the Soviets' downfall and in galvanizing American Jewry's fight for Soviet Jewry - all make the promise and prospect of his new venture far greater. His appearance on Israel's political map is the best news in years.

Power breakdown

ISRAEL is not the only country in which power failures occur. That yesterday's stoppage was the first time in the country's history that the affected areas were so large, encompassing the whole central and southern regions, is a reminder that things could be much worse. Encouraging, too, was the relatively fast restoration of service. When a collapse of this kind occurred in New York, it took many more hours for the electric company to bring back the lights. That yesterday's only major inconvenience was the snarling of traffic and that the population's conduct was exemplary may also be noted with satisfaction.

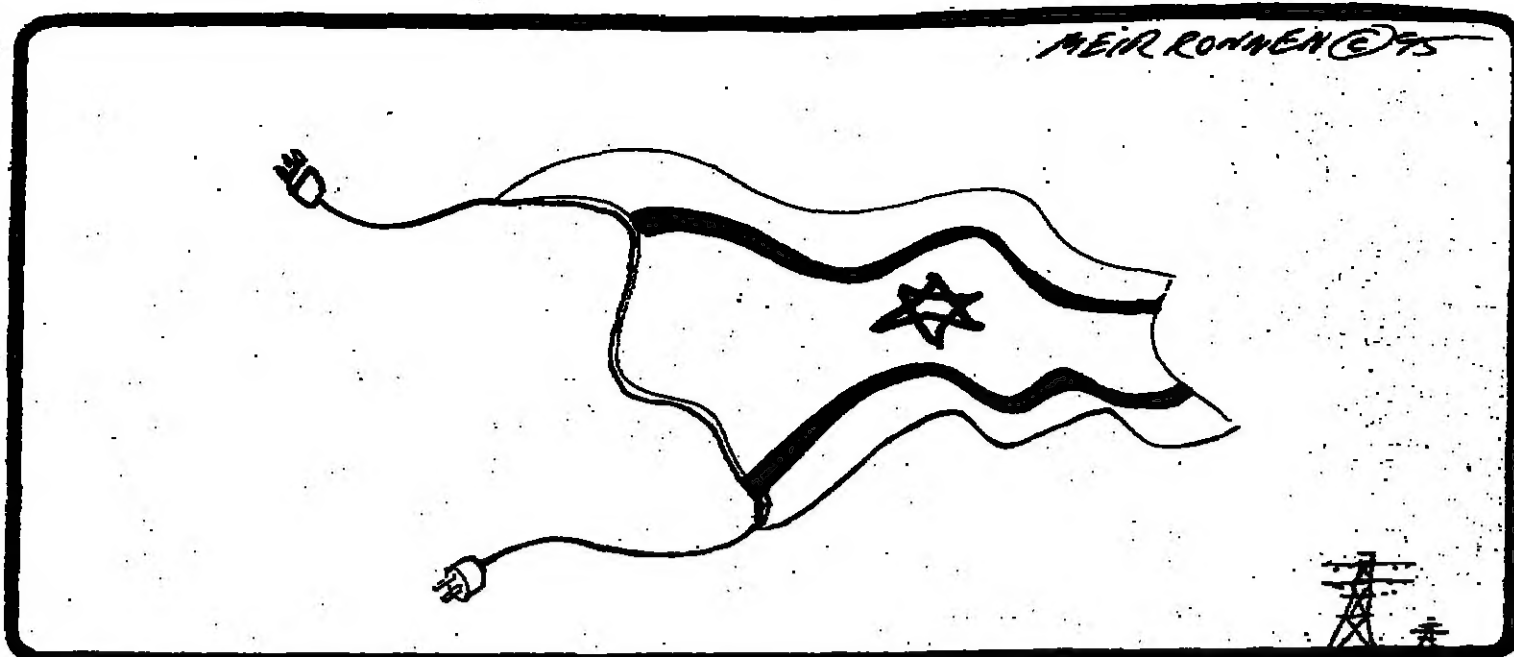
But yesterday's three-hour power paralysis also served as a reminder of two less happy facts. While major breakdowns that cover large areas are rare, minor stoppages exceed anything known in the advanced countries. The ratio is an amazing 100 to 1, with Israeli consumers being deprived of electric power an average of 15 hours a year, against an average of 10 minutes in the US. Since Israel has to cope with very few

hazards caused by inclement weather, the numbers are particularly astonishing.

To say that the losses from such interruptions are as enormous as they are unnecessary is to state the obvious. That the Israel Electric Corporation, a highly profitable monopoly, has not been able to overcome this backwardness is inexcusable.

Even more worrisome are the implications of yesterday's mishap for the country's security. The breakdown was caused by a brushfire under high tension wires, which triggered a major short circuit. This in turn shut down the power supply in more than half the country. It was the kind of domino effect which caused two major blackouts in the New York area. But there, a fail-safe system to prevent a recurrence has been successfully installed.

Israel, too, must find ways to prevent a local breakdown from becoming a national blackout with potentially disastrous consequences. In a country subject to terrorist attacks, such vulnerability is unacceptably dangerous.



A little help from our friends

YOSSI BEN-AHARON

STATE Department Arabists of the '60s and '70s are probably turning green with envy over the current astounding successes of the department's "peace process team" under Dennis Ross.

For every one of the goals they set two or three decades ago - which they then despaired of achieving because of Israel's stubborn opposition - are now becoming reality with the eager cooperation of the Rabin government.

In the late '60s and early '70s, when Yitzhak Rabin was Israel's ambassador to Washington and I served under him, we fought tooth and nail against the US administration's recommendations for a settlement with our neighbors.

Under the direction of Rabin's deputy in Washington, Shlomo Argov (shot in the head by a Palestinian terrorist in London in 1982, and now lying incapacitated in Hadassah Hospital), we argued vehemently against a return to the June 1967 lines, against contacts with the PLO, against a Palestinian state, and against withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Above all, Rabin argued that the US should not share its views on the final settlement borders - which he deemed disastrous to Israel's security - with the Soviet Union.

But secretary of state William Rogers and national security adviser Henry Kissinger argued, no less tenaciously, that an Arab-Israeli settlement was an American national interest, primarily because of Soviet involvement and the

Cold War competition between the two superpowers.

In lay terminology, the US was saying: that Israel must make meaningful territorial concessions to the Arabs in order to prevent the Arab Middle East from falling squarely into the Soviet lap.

Today, almost three decades later, there is no Soviet Union, no Cold War competition, and no need to save the Arabs from the Communist bear-hug. And yet the US administration is working overtime to achieve the very same goals: Israel's constriction to the June 67 lines, including a total

some acute contradictions in American policy.

PRESIDENT Clinton's administration has placed at the top of its foreign policy priorities the fight against terrorism, the dual containment of Iraq and Iran, and the advancement of democracy by checking totalitarianism and state-initiated aggression.

How can these principles be reconciled with the actual conduct of American policy with regard to Syria?

Just a few years ago, the US went to war against a state - Iraq -

terror - inspired, planned and financed by Tehran.

Assad's close alliance with Iran is vital to Syria for many reasons. What we define as terrorist organizations are, in Damascus and Tehran, deemed necessary instruments of policy together with the intelligence organs and secret police that proliferate in both states. They are vital to the stability, to the very survival, of both regimes.

It is therefore not just naive but foolish to expect that by investing American prestige, coupled with very important Israeli concessions to Syria, Hizbullah, Islamic Jihad, the Kurdish PKK and several other terror organizations will disappear.

The least one might have expected the US to do is test Assad's willingness and capacity to cooperate with some of America's foreign policy objectives.

Instead, Clinton's advisers have twice sent him to meet with the Syrian president, and recommended that he turn a blind eye to the Syrian occupation of Lebanon.

The result: Assad insulted the American president by refusing to commit himself publicly to peace and normal relations with Israel. And he will continue to stand firm until Israel commits itself to total withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The writer was director general of the Prime Minister's Office and head of Israel's delegation to the talks with Syria under the previous government.

The US's blind following of Rabin's line runs counter to its own perceived interests

withdrawal from the Golan.

The rationale behind this policy has taken a new twist, but the end product, as far as Israel is concerned, has not changed.

What is especially galling is the fact that President Clinton is a sincere friend of Israel, and the prime movers in the US's intensive involvement in the Arab-Israeli process are our own coreligionists.

Leaving aside the Israel government's rash capitulation on all fronts, many of us who appreciate the vital importance of US-Israel strategic ties are confounded by

that had gobbled up its weak and defenseless neighbor.

Syria's conduct toward Lebanon is no less revolting, albeit more cunning, deliberate and cautious.

Moreover, President Assad is in violation of an international undertaking (the Taif Agreement of 1989) to begin withdrawing his army from Beirut and, in stages, from other parts of Lebanon.

What message does this attitude convey to the Saddam Husseins of the Middle East?

It is no secret that Lebanon is the staging ground of international

The amazing Ashrawi revelations

MOSHE ZAK

HANAN Ashrawi's new book *This Side of Peace* is very revealing, and very relevant to current realities. I enjoyed the stories of intrigue within the Palestinian camp, the machinations among the Arab states, and especially James Baker's negotiating methods, viewed from the Arab side.

This, for example, is how Ashrawi reported to Yasser Arafat on her meeting with the secretary of state in the summer of 1991, when the Palestinians were still insisting that they should appear at the Madrid conference as a PLO delegation, and Israel had announced that it wouldn't sit with the PLO.

"He did say flatly that if we did not participate then Israel would not only get the \$10 billion in loan guarantees, but would get \$20 billion or more. The settlements would not be restricted, but will increase."

Arafat's response: "We must not be intimidated, but we must play this right."

The outcome is well known: The Palestinians agreed to be part of the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, without making their connections to the PLO known. Israel's warnings that it would leave the conference room if the Palestinians departed from what had been agreed helped Baker extract various concessions from the Arabs. He was able to threaten them with additional Israeli settlements.

The present government's decision to freeze settlements has denied Baker's successor Warren Christopher a similar negotiating tool.

Baker was able to threaten Syria's Foreign Minister Farouk Shara that he would abandon the negotiations and return to Washington because the Israelis had given him leverage.

But Hafez Assad's assessment today is that if only he digs his heels in, Israel and the US will look around for a new formula to satisfy his demands. Assad has strong nerves, and doesn't fear the breakdown of negotiations. Quite

the opposite: He's going on the assumption that Prime Minister Rabin and President Clinton are both in urgent need of a pre-election achievement, and that he is the one who can supply it.

James Baker was able to call Ashrawi in Madrid and say:

"You just tell Mr. Shara that the whole thing's off. I'm going home. I'm taking the plane this evening. And he can go back to Syria. As far as I'm concerned, it's finished!" And he hung up on me."

How the US used the settlements as a lever to get the Palestinians and Syrians to negotiate

But Christopher won't say anything like this. Not only because of the difference in temperament between the two men, but especially because of the signals Israel is continually sending the Syrians - that it is rushing headlong into a quick settlement. This actually makes a settlement more difficult, unless Israel accepts Syria's dictat.

ASHRAWI ALSO writes fascinatingly about being invited to a meeting with Hosni Mubarak just before the Madrid conference, in October 1991. Her revelations are quite astounding.

The Palestinian delegation went to Amman to coordinate with the Jordanians regarding their joint delegation to Madrid. But prior to their scheduled meeting with King Hussein, Yasser Arafat instructed three of its members (Ashrawi, Faisal Hussein and Khader Abdel Shaif) to leave at once for a meeting with Mubarak in Cairo. To enable the three to return in time for the meeting with Hussein, the king put his private plane at their disposal.

But when they reached Cairo they were told that Mubarak could meet them only the following day,

in Ismailiya. They pleaded in vain to be allowed to return to Amman in time to meet the king.

Adviser Osama El-Baz and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa kept them busy with various meetings, instructing them how not to give in to Israel, and assuring them of Egypt's involvement at every stage of the negotiations with Israel.

"El-Baz gave us tips on Israeli negotiating strategies: 'They're tough bargainers and will use any advantage they have in the negoti-

about the best way to negotiate with the Israelis: keep up an uninterrupted stream of one proposal in the wake of the other (though not quite in the same language). He urged us to learn from the Egyptian experience."

Mubarak's position hasn't changed. He still refuses to come to Jerusalem, and continues to advise the Palestinians not to yield to Israel. This February he managed to convene a quadripartite summit in Cairo (Mubarak, Hussein, Rabin, Arafat) which achieved nothing other than the impression that Egypt was setting the tone for the peace process in the region.

Egypt's attempt to increase its involvement in Israel's relations with Syria through today's meeting between Mubarak, Christopher and Rabin contradicts the Israeli principle of bilateral negotiation.

Egypt has nothing to contribute on this issue. Syria doesn't view itself as comparable to the Palestinians, and it doesn't need Egypt's patronage in its relations with its neighbors.

The Ashrawi revelations do not qualify Egypt for a leading role in the peace process. On the contrary: In its attempt to gain leadership of the Arab world, Egypt is liable to be driven into extreme positions.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE MYSTERY of the box in the boxer shorts has been solved. Brian Dawson says he was keeping it there so it wouldn't get cold.

Dawson's pet snake popped out of his underwear as the man was changing into a jail uniform.

Dawson, of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio, had been arrested for traffic violations.

The snake was released to Dawson's girlfriend, who came to the police station to claim it, presumably to keep Dawson's snake warm.

TEN PIZZA delivery boys were

recruited to be reporters for a soon-to-be-launched newspaper in Hong Kong. And for good reason.

"We feel that now, with the worsening traffic jams, pizza delivery boys know how to arrive at the spot the fastest. The details can be chased by other reporters," publisher Jimmy Lai said.

Delivering news rather than pizza should prove more remunerative for the young men, he said, and they don't need degrees. They would also earn bonuses if they proved to be faster than the opposition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BIR ZEIT STUDENT ELECTIONS

Sir, - We were disturbed by the way in which you chose to break the news of the recent Bir Zeit University Student Council Elections, held on May 24. In the following day's paper, you made reference to the election result at the end of an article strangely titled "Palestinian Police discovers arms cache in raid on Gaza house."

You reported that "an Islamic list retained control of the student council it won last year with the help of left-wing opposition groups." This was and is, in fact, inaccurate. The new election regulations, agreed by representatives of the students, do not allow coalitions to take place before the elections. Even one week after the election, no such coalition has been formed.

It is not enough to say that the "guilt by association" implicit in reporting the election in an article about the discovery of weapons in the home of two alleged Hamas activists merits the phrase "bad journalism." "Malevolent journalism" is perhaps more fitting for those who seek to associate the incident you report with the pluralism evidenced by the wide spectrum of belief shown by the members of our Islamic student block, and indeed our university. It should not be necessary to point out that the actions of two individuals in Gaza have nothing to do with an academic institution in Ramallah.

Bir Zeit prides itself on our commitment to the democratic process, and indeed ran our elections under the banner "A model for Palestinian democracy." We wish to travel along the path of democracy without having to encounter the kind of negative stereotyping that this article promotes.

ALBERT AGHZARIAN,
Director of Public Relations,
Bir Zeit University
Bir Zeit.

A LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS

Sir, - Jewish leaders in the US, Israel and around the world have condemned the attack on MK Shulamit Aloni while she was speaking preceding the annual Salute to Israel parade in New York City. I, too, do not condone such behavior. But the answer is not to limit the appearance of representatives of the Israeli government to those with whom the majority of the crowd agrees or accepts, nor to require them to be accompanied by bodyguards.

The answer is for more Jews who are not of Ms. Aloni's ilk to immigrate to Israel; to become absorbed into the community; to participate fully in the Israeli political process; to change the way government is pursued, business is produced and life is lived; and to make Israel the country God intended it to be: A light unto the nations. What we need here in Israel is more Jews who are faithful to God and the Torah.

SUZANNE POMERANZ
Jerusalem.

CRITICISM

Sir, - I read with amazement Greer Fay Cashman's remarks regarding the Jerusalem Great Synagogue (*Grapevine*, June 2). At no time in my address did I refer directly or indirectly to the government nor did I refer in any manner to the government's policies. My criticism referred to one MK who, while in Germany, compared the suffering of the Palestinians under Israeli rule to that of the Jews under Nazi Germany.

As for the Jerusalem Day party mentioned by Ms. Cashman, the event had no connection to the Great Synagogue but was organized and advertised by the Jerusalem Municipality Culture Department which hired the banquet hall (which is under separate management) for this purpose.

ZALLI JAFFE,
Vice-President,
The Jerusalem Great Synagogue
Jerusalem.

INFLAMMATORY WORDS

Sir, - In *The Jerusalem Post* of May 26, Father Abdel Masih, parish priest of St. Anthony's Church in Jaffa, reacts to the shooting spree in which an IDF soldier damaged his church. Although the matter is still under investigation and we still don't know anything about the motives of the aggressor, one thing was clear from the beginning, namely that the attack was the initiative of an individual and not of an organized religious or political institution of the State of Israel or the Rabbinate.

Nevertheless, Father Masih, following an age-old Christian tradition, accuses the Jews, the State of Israel and its educational system. He also has harsh words for the government, which he accuses of doing nothing to prevent continuing attacks on Christian institutions. "What are they doing to avoid all [sic] these attacks in churches?" They say peace, [but] they don't [provide] it." This priest says after the Israeli ministers of religious affairs and police came to Jaffa to express the government's regrets, and after Jews participated in the protest demonstrations following the attack.

The parish priest insists that, despite the attack, the church will continue to promote peace and understanding. How does he propose to achieve this, I'd like to ask. By uttering this kind of generalization after the deed of an evidently emotionally disturbed individual?

In Catholic regions of Germany and Eastern Europe, such distortions would easily have led to pogroms.

PROF. LEA DASBERG
Jerusalem.

EXCELLENT COLUMN

Sir, - Ruth Mason's *Parenting* column is excellent. The topics are relevant and the advice you experts give is almost always in line with how I see things.

ELISABETH ROBERTS
Tel Aviv.

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US Marines swoop in to rescue downed pilot

PHILIP PULLELLA

ABOARD USS KEARSARGE

A HELICOPTER snatch force of US Marines swooped into Serb-held Bosnia yesterday and dodged hostile fire to rescue a downed American pilot who had survived for six days on rainwater, bugs and sheer guts.

Captain Scott O'Grady, missing since his F-16 fighter was shot down by a Bosnian Serb missile last Friday, sprinted to a Marine rescue helicopter from a forest hideout waving his pistol after he had signaled his position on a battery-powered radio.

The dramatic dawn rescue, in which NATO's southern Europe commander said Marines had traded fire with Bosnian Serbs, took place after hopes had appeared to dim that the 29-year-old pilot had survived the crash.

"I'm ready to get the hell out of here," O'Grady, from Spokane, Washington, shouted to his rescuers, according to NATO's southern Europe commander Admiral Leighton Smith.

"This is a tough hombre [man] we're talking about," Smith, speaking in London, said. "Whatever else he had, he had a lot of guts to go with it. That's what he had - guts and training."

The rescue was mounted just after first light by an elite Marine Corps rescue team from the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge, flagship of a three-vessel force of 2,000 marines in the Adriatic Sea.

They were backed up by more



US Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady, 29, poses in a file photo in the cockpit of his F-16. He was rescued yesterday, six days after being downed by a missile in Bosnia. (Reuters)

than 40 NATO aircraft including radar-jamming jets.

One of the helicopters that plucked the downed American pilot was hit in the rotor blades by small arms fire, a member of the rescue team said yesterday.

Marine Sergeant Scott Phe-

ter told CNN television: "We took fire from a lot of places. We have a couple of blades that have bullet holes through them."

O'Grady, shot down from 20,000 feet last Friday over Serb-held northern Bosnia, was

taken to the Kearsarge hospital to recover from exposure and exhaustion but sustained only a slight burn to the neck, apparently when he ejected.

"He's really happy to be alive. He's real happy to be aboard a US ship and I think

he's doing real well," Marine Corps doctor Lieutenant Commander Paul Rochereto said.

"I think that once the adrenaline sort of eases off and he realizes how close he came to not being here at all, that he may be a little bit more somber than the way he is right now," Rochereto told reporters on the Kearsarge.

He said O'Grady had survived on bugs - probably ants and crickets - and rainwater after supplies from his survival kit ran out.

The Marine Colonel who led the 40-strong snatch force, Martin Berndt, told reporters:

"To see him running through the brush covered in sweat and water with his pistol in his hand making his way to the aircraft is not a scene that I'll soon forget."

"We were just thankful for the opportunity to have a small part in bringing him back alive."

Smith quoted Berndt as saying he saw a surface-to-air missile as the rescue team took off with O'Grady from Serb-held northern Bosnia in two CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopters.

Neither aircraft was hit and a Marine gunner replied from one of the helicopters to small arms fire from the ground.

The pilot's rescue brought a collective whoop of joy from the United States, where President Bill Clinton hailed O'Grady and the Marine team as "American heroes."

"There were a lot of people who had written this guy off," said Captain Jim Mitchell, NATO's southern command spokesman.

"He stayed cool, he stayed hidden and he moved from where he was to where he had to be to get picked up," Mitchell said.

(Reuters)

Serbs halt two UN convoys; fate of third unknown

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Bosnian Serb forces halted two UN food convoys bound for civilians in government-held enclaves yesterday and the fate of a third UN convoy bound for peacekeepers was unknown, UN officials said.

Food, fuel and medical supplies are in desperately short supply in five government-held pockets surrounded by separatist Serb forces in Bosnia.

The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees had despatched a civilian convoy to Zepa from Belgrade on Wednesday, but it was held up overnight at a Bosnian Serb checkpoint in Rogatica on a variety of pretexts. A second UNHCR convoy was sent from Belgrade to Gorazde yesterday.

"The Zepa convoy is still in Rogatica and the Gorazde one is in Kotorman because of security reasons," Mark Cutts of the UNHCR in Sarajevo told reporters yesterday afternoon.

Other UN sources said a local Bosnian Serb commander had blocked the Gorazde convoy, saying it did not have the necessary clearances and citing fighting along the route.

A third convoy, this one military and mounted to provide food to Ukrainian peacekeepers in the Zepa enclave who have no rations left, set out from Sarajevo yesterday morning with Bosnian Serb clearances.

But UN sources said the third convoy failed to take a radio for some reason and was therefore out of contact with UN headquarters in Sarajevo.

"The only way we'll know when it reaches Zepa is when Zepa calls us on their radio," Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward said. "But because they're so low on fuel that only happens twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening."

UN officials despatched the three convoys despite the fact Bosnian Serbs were blockading or holding as hostage 146 UN peacekeepers and military observers.

Ignoring the hostage issue, a high-level delegation of UN officials traveled to the Bosnian Serb capital of Pale yesterday in an effort to gain permission for more regular aid and UN resupply convoys.

WORLD BRIEFS

Tutsi troops accused of massacres

BUJUMBURA (Reuters) - Tutsi soldiers from the Burundi government army stood accused yesterday of massacring at least 40 Hutu civilians, including women and children, in an assault against a militia stronghold in the capital.

Witnesses said troops used bullets and bayonets on Wednesday night to slaughter whole families, picking easy targets like the old, the sick and the very young.

Inkatha leader arrested in 1987 murders

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) - A top aide to Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi was arrested yesterday for involvement in a 1987 massacre that was one of the bloodiest outbreaks in the ANC-Inkatha war.

A judge released M.Z. Khumalo, Inkatha deputy secretary, on 10,000 rand (about \$2,700) bail and ordered him to surrender his passport after his arrest yesterday afternoon.

Three arrested trying to sell zirconium

NEW YORK (AP) - Three men were arrested yesterday on charges of trying to sell eight tons of zirconium, a metal used in nuclear processing, to federal agents posing as Iraqis. It was the largest seizure ever of nuclear-related material in the United States, said Robert Van Etten, a spokesman for US Customs.

Investigators said they believe the zirconium originated in Ukraine and was stolen from the military there, but that has not been confirmed.

Federal agents uncovered the black-market operation in Queens by posing as representatives of the Iraqi government and offering to buy the zirconium.

Ruling party retains seats in Egypt

CAIRO (AP) - As expected, President Hosni Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party retained its dominance of the upper house of Parliament in this week's election, the government announced yesterday.

Interior Minister Hassan Aliy told a news conference that the party had won 80 of 90 seats in Wednesday's balloting, 33 of them unopposed. Two independents also were elected, Aliy said. Both are reported to be supporters of the ruling party.

Taiwanese president arrives in LA

PASADENA, California (AP) - Supporters cheered Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui's arrival in Los Angeles, as he became the first leader of his country to set foot on US soil.

Under the terms of his visa, Lee will hold only private meetings during his visit. He met with about 100 Chinese-American community leaders and dignitaries Wednesday and planned to leave for New York yesterday.

Lee is scheduled to attend a class reunion at Cornell University, his alma mater, in Ithaca, New York.

US Senate passes anti-terrorism bill

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The US Senate on Wednesday passed a bill sought by President Bill Clinton after the Oklahoma City bombing which gives the government broad new powers to deal with domestic and international terrorism.

The bill provides \$1.5 billion for counter-terrorism initiatives, including hiring more law enforcement personnel, creating a domestic anti-terrorism center and expanding authority to deport or refuse entry for aliens with connections to alleged terrorist groups.

It also gives the government authority to conduct wiretaps on all telephones used by a suspect, allows the military to help in domestic threats involving chemical or biological weapons and limits appeals in death penalty cases.

The 91-8 vote sent the bill to the House of Representatives.

Clinton expressed gratitude in a written statement, saying it will give law enforcement "the tools it needs to do everything possible to prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again."

"It will also help us prosecute and punish terrorists more effectively. I urge the House to do its part and get a bill on my desk without delay," he said.

Clinton proposed the legislation shortly after the April 19 bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people. Two men have been arrested and the government is investigating to see if others were involved.

After criticizing majority Republicans last week for failing to pass the bill sooner, Clinton worked this week with Senate Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) to get Democrats to drop several of their amendments. Dole had threatened to set the bill aside unless Democrats cooperated.

Clinton also changed his position and agreed to accept limits on death penalty appeals backed mainly by Republicans as part of the bill, even though some Democrats disagreed.

"The inclusion of sweeping [death penalty appeal] reform on this bill is the worst kind of opportunism," said Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Coroner in Simpson case: There was no reason to conduct sexual assault tests

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The coroner testifying in the O.J. Simpson murder trial yesterday defended his investigators' failure to examine Nicole Brown Simpson for signs she was raped or had consensual sex before she was slain.

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Lobbyists: Their office is the Knesset corridors

The American lobbying model exists here, but still has a long way to go, Liat Collins reports

POLITICIANS aren't the only ones in seats of power: you have the power to make a difference. That's the message on a poster hanging on the wall in the Jerusalem office of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

It is a remnant of an old campaign to mobilize students to lobby by members of Congress. Wendy Singer hardly notices the message; she internalized the message long ago. After 10 years on Capitol Hill — five of them as a successful AIPAC lobbyist — Singer, 31, left Washington in November and immigrated to a country where professional lobbying is still in its infancy.

Here she works as deputy director of the AIPAC Israel Office, and although AIPAC does not lobby here, Singer's work takes her into the Knesset corridors.

"The practice of lobbying here is at a much more elementary stage," she says, pointing to three main differences: the lack of regional representation; the lack of highly organized grassroots operations; and the different campaign financing system.

(In both countries strict rules govern the amount an individual can donate: here, the limit is NIS 5,700 in the nine months leading up to an election, but unlimited for the rest of the time; in the US, the maximum an individual may donate is \$1,000 per election cycle. The costs of the campaigns are startlingly different: an MK may not spend more than NIS 300,000 on the primary elections; in the US, an average House campaign costs between \$250,000 and \$1.5 million.)

And MKs can still frequent the



MKs like Yair Tsaban (left), Yossi Sarid and Amnon Rubinstein can still frequent the Knesset without bumping into too many petitioners. (Isaac Harari)

Knesset without bumping into too many petitioners. Many of these lobbyists are either representing people influenced by the US model — the New Israel Fund, the Reform Movement or the women's lobby — or big business concerns, such as a local cigarette manufacturer.

It is the latter who have the worst image. In Washington, lobbyists for big businesses have the nickname of "hired guns"; they don't represent the little guy but just the financial interests of their corporations. Very often they

lobby for macro issues such as lower taxes. In Israel, anyone who followed the brief rise and fall of the Capital Gains Tax late last year could feel the pressure the big-business lobby put on the country's leaders to rescind it.

Some, however, are more concerned about finding a legislative loophole to help them with a specific issue. A large part of the fight between the Dead Sea Works, which wanted to extend its extraterritorial status, and environmental groups like the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, took place in the Knesset corridors and even in elevators, where representatives of both sides grabbed MKs for a few minutes to explain their views.

MENACHEM SHEIZAF — who describes himself as "a lawyer,

lobbyist and public relations man" — thinks the negative mercenary image is unfair. As someone who has frequently lobbied MKs on behalf of large economic groups, he says: "Just because you're representing a business doesn't mean you're necessarily doing something which harms the man in the street."

He gives an example of the intensive lobbying a few years ago by private investors to change the law and allow commercial dental clinics. "The dental and health organizations objected, but I wouldn't say it was bad for the ordinary man."

Sheizaf agrees that lobbying here cannot develop into the American model. "But then we don't have to copy everything directly from America in order for it to work."

Although there is no regional representation, it is clear that people tend to petition MKs who come from their area anyway.

Ma'lot mayor and MK Shlomo Bahut; Kiryat Tivon resident and chairman of the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee Yossi Katz; and Haifa resident Police Minister Moshe Shaleh (all Labor) were all approached by the workers of Rafael, a major employer in the north. Kibbutz residents Hagai Merom and Elie Goldschmidt (both Labor) often hear from the agricultural sector. Beit She'an resident David Levy (Likud) has been petitioned regularly over matters concerning the problems of development towns. And Finance Minister and former Arad mayor Abraham Shohat was targeted by Dead Sea Works employees, most of whom live in the south.

"In an age of primaries, it doesn't matter if they formally represent the area or not," Sheizaf says.

Getting in the door for a lobbyist depends on what kind of issue and constituency you're representing, not who you are, according to both Sheizaf and Singer. Most of the work is not done behind closed doors at all but in corridors and hallways.

"It's very casual," Singer says. In the Knesset, the cafeteria remains the favorite meeting place.

An effective lobbyist, according to Singer, should have some understanding of the legislative process; should forge personal relationships with the representatives being lobbied; should be able to present information quickly and succinctly. "You should underscore that characteristic," Singer says. "If you can't go in to that member's office

[and] sit down, and tell them whatever they need to know within five minutes, you've lost them."

"They have so many lobbyists, constituents and others they have to meet with in a day that you're just a blip on their radar screen," she says. "But perhaps the top three [essential characteristics] should be style, style, style. So much depends on that: not just effective communications, but how you relate to people."

The candidate looking for a lobbying job should also be modest; congressmen want to know you're talking to them because you care about the issue, not because of the thrill of talking to a famous person.

For the business lobbyist, that element is not so important, but although Sheizaf admits to having represented concerns about which he is apathetic, he insists he would not work for any organization he actually opposed. "It's a red line," he says.

The major part of the lobbyist's arsenal is information, both Singer and Sheizaf say. "It's our secret weapon.... On Capitol Hill they say information is power," Singer says. "When a major event happens in the Middle East, our goal [at AIPAC] is to have a one-pager on the desk of every member of Congress within 24 hours."

"There's a need for information, but credibility is everything. The minute you're fast and loose with the facts, you can pack up and close shop," she says.

Sheizaf concurs. Compared to the US, Israeli parliamentarians have a tiny staff, usually limited to one part-time assistant. "The MKs just can't keep up with all the information they need, so that's a major key to our work. We can provide the facts they need to know," Sheizaf says.

One difference Singer has noted is that, in Washington, unlike here, the lobbyists are an integral part of the system, providing a link to constituents and information that a member of Congress needs. "In a funny way it helps the system move forward," she says.

In Israel, lobbying has yet to play that role, but changes are taking place, Sheizaf says. "Economic lobbying by businesses has started to really develop here in recent years," he says. Lobbying for issues always existed in some form or other, he adds. "Wherever there are Jews, there is lobbying. It's a tradition — ever since the days when [Jews] did not have rights and had to ask for favors from the rulers."

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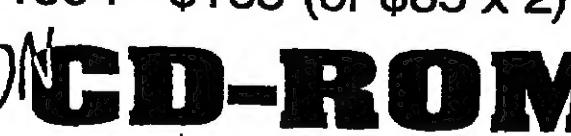


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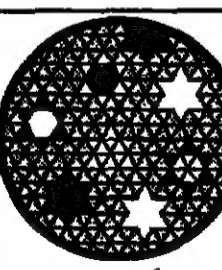
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Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir (right) was chosen to lead the women's fight for representation in Labor; MK Yael Dayan was criticized for agreeing to a compromise. (Israel Sun)

Labor's damp squib is lost amid Likud fireworks

COMPARED with the fireworks show in the "other" Lot, Labor's convention at the Tel Aviv Cinemas Hall was so bo-hum that some delegates were even moved to make excuses for the lack of drama: "We're leaving center stage for the Likud."

But not Jewish Agency chairman MK Avraham Burg: "How delightful to have such a boring party," he chuckled. He wished "Bibi and Levy good luck."

Nearest thing to a buzz in the foyer was a rumor that former chief of general staff Ehud Barak will be Labor's campaign chairman.

Rambo Barak, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's new secret weapon, is to be launched into the murky bunkers of the Interior Ministry in August.

It will be a year before Labor campaign headquarters is set up and the subject of chairman, or anything else for that matter, has not been discussed in any party forum.

It was wickedly suggested that the only purpose of the Barak rumor was to goad Haim Ramon. It has been noted how the Histadrut supreme files into an amusing tantrum whenever mention is made of Rambo and his brilliant political future in Labor.

DON'T MENTION BARAK
Where was Ramon anyway?

It seems to be getting harder to find him in his office - or even in the country.

He spent the Labor convention in Sharm el-Sheikh - "probably defending workers' rights there," some delegates quipped.

Now - playing beach tennis (maikoi), others suggested. They recalled his memorable phrase "I'm going to the beach," when asked about burning Labor issues at a previous convention.

Perhaps it was a mere tinge of jealousy over the limelight-bogging David Levy, but Ramonologues in Labor were trying to whip up a scare about their exiled bad boy also running a new party against Labor in the elections.

MK Hagai Merom breathlessly urged the party to bring the maverick back to the corral as soon as possible. No one was interested in the bore of the week - they were too busy gossiping about Barak.

THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAEL YUDELMAN



Na'amat's Ofra Friedman joined the boycott of the Labor's convention. (Malovany)

Peretz and Shmuel Avital.

Ramon's theme song once ran: "Labor expelled me, it will have to take me back, I have nothing to do with it." Now it seems it has everything to do with meeting his demands first - reserved places on the Knesset list for himself and his friends, and the small matter of a ministry for Ramon.

Labor secretary-general Nissim Zivli, who sent out the nasty expulsion letters, was blamed for throwing Ramon out. Now he is being snarled at for failing to bring the prodigal son home.

Nothing to do with me, Zivli shrugs. The party committee decided that any further steps needed to repossess Ramon would be up to the prime minister.

And why should Rabin bother? As Histadrut chairman, Ramon is not gaining any more power. Anyway, no offer from Rabin will affect whether Ramon rejoins Labor or runs separately for prime minister. All agree he'll do what's best for himself closer to the election.

In the meantime - don't mention Barak.

AFFIRMATIVE INACTION
While the boys babbled on about Barak, Ramon, Rabin and Peretz, the oppressed majority staged its own show and boycotted the convention.

The women were infuriated by the Labor leadership's refusal to give them a guaranteed 20-percent representation on the Knesset list.

Ora Namir, the Labor and Social Affairs minister, was chosen to lead the women's revolt ... or negotiations.

Na'amat chairwoman Ofra Friedman vied with women's section chair Orly Bitti for the limelight. MK Yael Dayan elbowed her way onto the team after being yelled at for accepting Zivli's compromise of adding one or two unrealistic places at the bottom of the list to the present 10 percent representation - the political equivalent of a patronizing pat on the head.

Rabin keeps out of it. Affirmative action is getting to be a post-feminist hot potato, with women still feeling discrimination and men getting irritated by always being in the wrong.

And the women are no better at agreeing on what they want than any male faction.

Namir and Dayan want increased representation but can't agree with anyone else how it should be gained.

Solidarity? Forget it - the more women who run for tickets on the national list, the less room for those already on it - like Namir and Dayan. Watch those elbows, ladies.

Incidentally, neither Namir nor Dayan would have seen the inside of the Knesset plenum were it not for the current list-reservation system.

"The handling of the struggle was pathetic," delegate Ada Rabin snapped. "All year they did nothing. Where was Na'amat, with all its resources? Why didn't it publish one single ad for the cause? And the boycott was idiotic too - women refused to join the party convention even to vote their disapproval of Zivli's proposal."

In a bitterly ironic twist, there were so few delegates left in the hall when the reservation issue came up for a vote that if the women had trooped in to vote on it, they would have had an easy majority.

And so the 550 women amid the 2,990 convention delegates flexed their muscles - and moved nothing. Not even themselves.

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"The people who sold The Jerusalem Post a few years ago must be kicking themselves today," Davar's new editor-in-chief Ron Ben-Yishai said this week, as he began what many regard as the impossible task of putting out "an independent, unbiased, quality morning newspaper" with the skeleton of the gutted Histadrut publication.

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Dr. Arafat's peace prescription

The PLO chairman's brother says doctors shouldn't wait for the green light from politicians, Steve Rodan reports



Dr. Fathi Arafat: I am a medical doctor. I don't want to spoil my health by going into political work. (Karen Ben-Zion)

THEY laugh alike. They walk alike. Sometimes, they even talk alike. Yasser, the older brother, is head of the Palestine Liberation Organization and now the Palestinian Authority. His younger brother, Fathi, is a physician and founder of the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

The only physical difference: the 62-year-old Fathi does not wear a keffiyeh or a beard. He offers another difference.

"I am not a politician," he says. "I am a medical doctor. I don't want to spoil my health work by going into political work."

The younger Arafat was in Jerusalem this week to attend an Israeli-Palestinian medical convention sponsored by the embassies of several countries, including Canada, France and Switzerland. Like Yasser, Fathi worked the room like a politician, smiling warmly, shaking hands with some, hugging and kissing others.

Israelis are not strangers to Fathi. He has been meeting them regularly since the late 1980s, mostly at conferences in Europe. Last year, Arafat arrived in Jerusalem and toured Hadassah-University Hospital.

Ruhama Marton, a psychiatrist and founder of the Association of the Israeli-Palestinian Physicians for Human Rights, recalls that the younger Arafat agreed during the Palestinian uprising to foster cooperation with Israeli health professionals. In 1993, Marton was invited to tour Cairo's Palestine Hospital, directed by Arafat.

"He's a very warm man," Marton says. "He is very generous. You see it in the way he hosts people."

Arafat was never very far from his more famous brother. He graduated from Cairo University's medical school in 1957 and worked as a pediatrician in Kuwait for a decade. In 1968, he moved to Jordan and founded the Palestine Red Crescent.

The following year, the Palestinian group was absorbed into the PLO.

"I don't know of any involvement by him or his organization in terrorism," says Ariel Merari, a terrorism expert at Tel Aviv University who wrote extensively on the PLO in the 1980s.

The physician doesn't seem to have any fears regarding the past. As head of the Red Crescent and numerous other Palestinian, Arab and international medical groups, Arafat has received many awards. The last one was from the Greek Red Cross on May 10.

"The Palestine Red Crescent is like any Red Cross, like Magen David Adom in Israel," he says. It has its special duties, like any national society.

At the Jerusalem conference, Arafat was without bodyguards.

At first, he tries to avoid speaking about the performance of the PA. But eventually he succumbs.

"One year is not enough to evaluate," he says. "We need more time. But I think the year was full of problems, and we hope that the next year will not be the same."

"I am not political," he repeats. "I don't know if the situation is much worse or better. But I see many problems. The main problem is closing [the] Gaza Strip and other places. It affects all the work, transportation of physicians, nurses, casualties and cases."

Fathi Arafat's involvement in the territories has rubbed PA officials the wrong way. Sources at the conference point out that the PA health minister, Riad Zaanoun, canceled his appearance at the last minute after Dr. Arafat arrived in Jerusalem. Zaanoun said he was forced to stay in Jericho during the PA chief's meetings with visiting German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Whatever the case, the younger Arafat prefers to look at the bright side. He says he is in favor of cooperation with Israelis and stresses that he does not have in mind merely government-to-government cooperation.

"Are we waiting for people [politicians] to give us the green light?" he asks. "We can't wait for this."

"There must be cooperation in health," he adds. "International cooperation in health is vital. Take AIDS. That needs cooperation by everyone. Nobody can be in his own world."

But his idea of cooperation is a step-by-step approach, which drew criticism from Israelis and Americans who attended the conference. Health Minister Ephraim Sneh pointed out the failure to advance his plan for a joint medical center along the Green Line. "It's been so difficult," Sneh says. "I don't know why."

"We Israelis have to abandon patronizing you, and you, the Palestinians, have to abandon suspicion," Sneh told the audience that included Arafat.

Marton recalls arguing with Arafat on the same point during her Cairo visit. "He led me to the porch and said, 'Do you see the Nile? It moves so slowly.'"

"Arafat says that despite his absences - he is rarely in Gaza - he consults frequently with his older brother. He denies rumors that he will eventually be named the health czar of the PA.

"I am in touch with my brother within my responsibility," he says. "We meet in different countries. I am more of a health person than a political person. I want to remain nongovernmental."

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The unattached find kibbutz life a singular challenge

Whether divorced or never married, kibbutz singles can feel like fifth wheels. Sue Fishkoff examines efforts to help them

ADINA, 42, a kibbutznik and mother of two teenagers, says that after her divorce went through six years ago, she noticed an immediate change in her neighbors.

"The men suddenly became very helpful," she notes. "Not in a sexual way, but offering to carry things for me, or fix things in the house. My next-door neighbor started to mow my lawn without my asking. They saw me as a woman alone."

"The women, on the other hand, suddenly became quite cold. If someone organized a bonfire, all the families would be invited, and I'd be sitting home alone with my children. Maybe seeing me made them insecure about their own marriages. They thought, if it happened to me, it could happen to them."

On a kibbutz in the north, Abe (names and some details of interviewees have been changed for the sake of privacy) was in his late 40s when he and his wife separated. "I took my alarm clock and my pillow one morning, and dug myself into a deep hole," he says. "I moved across the kibbutz into a room by myself. It was pretty depressing. I had very little support. I had few friends on the kibbutz anyway, and this certainly didn't encourage them to come around."

The kibbutz system is built, socially and financially, around the family. That family orientation is becoming even more pronounced today with the growing move towards privatization.

Recent innovations on kibbutz tend towards ever greater privacy: bringing the children home to sleep with their parents at night dovetails with pressures to increase members' private budgets and devote more kibbutz funds to building larger and nicer homes instead of improving communal structures or increasing group activities.

There are fewer places for members to meet and mingle. Many kibbutzim have closed or severely limited their communal

dining halls. The lone black-and-white television set in the clubhouse has been replaced, on most kibbutzim, by private sets in every home. Communal movie nights lost their appeal with the advent of cable TV.

Compounding the problem is the fact that there are simply more single people today on kibbutz. They are older, they are divorced, and most of them have children. Many feel left out of the community they chose to join.

"The number of divorced people on kibbutz has risen astronomically," says Hagit Zuker, who manages the kibbutz singles' bureau, run jointly by the Artzi Movement and United Kibbutz Movement out of the UKM's Tel Aviv headquarters.

THE SINGLE population on kibbutzim today is more varied than in years past. Not only are there more older singles — divorced and some never-marrieds — but a growing phenomenon is single mothers returning to kibbutz after a divorce in the city, and bringing their children with

them. "Singles on kibbutz are very alone today," Zuker says. "There aren't bonfires and the clubhouse at night anymore. They sit at home, alone."

"We have to help these people — good people — remain on the kibbutz. It's their home, too."

Zuker, a member of Ein Harod Menhad and single herself, says her office serves any kibbutznik single who seeks its help. It also provides services for urban singles, but they pay a fee.

The kibbutz singles' bureau runs activities — dances, lectures, weekends in Eilat, trips abroad — and maintains a "personals" catalog, with descriptions and contact numbers of single kibbutzniks who pay NIS 30 annually for inclusion. Most trips are held in conjunction with a non-kibbutz singles' group in Tel Aviv, Neveh Akademia'im.

There are four trips to Eilat each summer, drawing 200 to 300 singles apiece. Upcoming events include a dance in Caesarea, a summer trip to France and a planned trip to Eastern Europe.

Most of the participants in these organized activities are 35 or older, Zuker says. Nearly all are divorced, and most have children. The bureau also runs special events for the 50-plus age group. Kibbutz singles under 30 rarely turn to her, except to place ads in the personals catalog, or to join the more "exotic" trips, such as long weekends in Sinai. "They don't really need us," she says.

She explains that "their social codes — how they dress, how they speak — are different from those of city folks. Kibbutzniks want to meet a partner who 'speaks their language.' That's why we organize events for kibbutzniks."

Kibbutzniks have an interest in helping their single members find mates, Zuker says, so they won't leave. That's why the two largest movements fund her bureau, and that's also why some kibbutzim subsidize participation in singles' events. Some kibbutzim assign a member to be the "singles' contact" with the Tel Aviv singles' bureau.

Arye Livni, the "singles' contact" at Ein Harod Ihud, keeps tabs on about 20 singles, helping them get to organized events. The elderly singles, as well as the under-30 crowd, don't seek his help. "I respect their privacy," he says.

He believes it is easier to be single today on kibbutz than in years past, because the kibbutz community is more open to the idea of meeting specialized needs among its membership.

"We recognize that the kibbutz needs to help its members with all their individual needs, whether it be higher education or finding a partner," he says. "The kibbutz structure is not as inflexible as it used to be."

Finances are a problem, however. Activities organized by the Tel Aviv bureau can be expensive. A four-day trip to Sinai over Shavuot, for example, costs about NIS 900 not including visas, border taxes and transportation to Eilat. That's beyond the financial reach of many members. And with growing privatization, fewer kibbutzim have the kind of centralized financial control they used to, Zuker says.

"Some say to their members, 'Here's your personal budget, do what you want with it.'"

Zuker acknowledges that "there's a subconscious tendency to stay away from divorced people on the kibbutz. People feel, 'He's single, maybe he'll steal my wife from me.' There's also a lot of jealousy. Some members don't want the kibbutz to give a special budget for singles' activities. They say, 'Why should I pay so they can run around and have fun?'"

TALI, a member of a kibbutz in the south, was the mother of four young children when her husband left her, 10 years ago. She suddenly found her days filled with running between children's houses, baby houses, clinics and schools; there was little time left to create a social life.

"People were terribly helpful with the kids," she says. "If I wanted to go out, I could farm out the kids to a neighbor. I didn't have to worry about them, as I would if I were a single mother in the city."

Tali says she has considered leaving the kibbutz, but acknowledges it would be a practical impossibility: as a single mother with no job experience, she doubts she could support her family; as an ex-kibbutznik, she would not be eligible for unemployment benefits or national insurance.

"You have a lot of financial security on kibbutz," she notes. "Not money, but security. I dream about living in the city sometimes, but it's not realistic."

If kibbutz life offers certain practical advantages to the single parent, it also throws up barriers to building an active social life.

When there is a divorce, both spouses tend to remain on the kibbutz, where they are in constant contact with each other — at breakfast, at work, at weekly meetings.

Abe's wife stayed on the kibbutz for years after their separation. It was only when she moved away that he felt free to invite his new girlfriend to the kibbutz. "One of us should have moved away earlier," he says.

"People on kibbutz are more sensitive to gossip, especially if their former partner is still around," notes Adina. "It's difficult to have your boyfriend over for the weekend when you know that your 'ex' lives three houses away. It puts a damper on things."

Abe, Adina and Tali have all tried the organized singles' activities run by the kibbutz movements.

"I don't go to the singles' dances," Tali says. "I prefer the lectures, something that interests me. Many of the people who go to singles' events regularly make a career out of it. They're pretty odd. But you sometimes meet the right man."

Abe says he "did very poorly" at such events; he met his present girlfriend through a private matchmaker.

Adina went to the bureau when her husband left her, and asked to register for the personals catalog. "I was in my late 30s, and was told quite bluntly that there were so many women my age... and with three children, I shouldn't expect much," she relates. "I wasn't exactly in demand."

Still, she says, although living on kibbutz makes the search for a mate more difficult logistically, the problem she faces is no different from that confronting older divorced women in the cities.

"There are not many places to meet good, single men. If I were looking for a relationship, I wouldn't look in the clubs. The kind of guys you meet there are not looking for the same thing. All us single women are in the same boat."



Gazit's TV contract ends; fight over child support continues

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

PATERNITY wrangles are still plaguing broadcaster Gabi Gazit. After finally acknowledging his infant son and agreeing to pay child support, Gazit was back in court this week, fighting a demand by the child's mother, Michal Galili, for more money. Galili wants Gazit to shell out NIS 4,500 per month. Gazit, whose contract with Keshet TV expires on June 30, is willing to pay NIS 2,500 per month, claiming that he does not know the extent of his income from July onwards. Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amos Zamir has yet to rule.

OIL EXPLORATION king Joe Elmaleh has abdicated after a 20-year reign as the leading entrepreneur in Israel's search for black gold. At the end of last week, Elmaleh, citing "personal reasons," sold the controlling in-

terest in his flagship company Jerusalem Oil Exploration, as well as shares in other public companies traded on the stock exchange. His oil-drilling operations have in recent years sustained losses of millions of dollars.

The \$17.5 million deal with 36-year-old finance genius Yuval Raz of Credit Lines signals an end to Elmaleh's floating of public companies. He has made it known that in the future, he will restrict himself to private enterprise.

LAMENTING THE growing ignorance of Jewish teachings and values in a Shavuot sermon at the Jerusalem Great Synagogue, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau said that, while most people know that Shas is a political party, they are unaware that the original Shas is an acronym for the compilation of the six orders of the Oral Law.

The need to study was also the central theme of his pre-Shavuot Shabbat sermon at Yeshurun

Synagogue, where he suggested that protesters would do better to return to the classroom. "If they spend so much time demonstrating," he asked, "when will they have time to study Torah, and how will they know what it is that they're demonstrating about?" Lau also said it was high time that antigovernment demonstrators stopped calling the nation's leaders traitors.

IN AN era of intense job insecurity, it is heartening for veteran broadcaster Alex Ansky to have both Army Radio and Israel Radio battling for his services.

Rumors of Ansky's impending departure from Army Radio began circulating following the restructuring of the station's program lineup in which Ansky's popular breakfast show was sacrificed to a news show competing with the news on Radio 2. Capitalizing on Ansky's displeasure, Israel Radio immediately put out the welcome mat, but Army Radio, unwilling to relinquish his services, is seeking another

prime-time slot.

IT ISN'T often that World WIZO president Raya Jaglom breaks down in public, but the usually composed Jaglom was unable to contain her tears at last week's conference marking the 20th anniversary of WIZO Israel.

Among the participants was 93-year-old Shura Fein of Metulla, who asked to be given the floor. Fein, a grandmother of 16, comes from Jaglom's birthplace of Lipkan, Romania, where Jaglom's father, the late Shmuel Choresht, was a Zionist leader. Declaring that she owed her life to Choresht, Fein related how he had forced her to accept one of the precious entry certificates into Palestine issued by the British Mandatory authorities to participants in the 1936 Maccabiah. All the other members of her family in Romania perished in the Holocaust.

EXCITEMENT IS mounting at the Tel Aviv Hilton. The hotel, which has hosted numerous international celebrities, will be hosting two stars from the world of entertainment some time between tomorrow night and Sunday morning. Singers Diana Ross and Stevie Nicks are both booked and have many fans among the staff as well as beyond the doors.

But just as their singing styles differ, so do their life-styles. Ross, who is the main attraction at the opening of the Hapotel Games, has reportedly demanded a luxury suite with panoramic views of the city, a personal robe, cosmetics with Dead Sea mineral components, fresh fruits and adjoining rooms for her bodyguards and the rest of her entourage. O'Connor, who is far more modest, is traveling tourist class on her flight here and is arriving without bodyguards or personal assistants. Declining the Hilton's offer of a suite, O'Connor has asked for a regular room. Nonetheless, Hilton general manager Oded Lifshitz has issued instructions that O'Connor be given full VIP treatment. Incidentally,



Gilat Ankori (left) shares her gavel with Hadassa Kingstone (center) and Lisa Saunders-Hartstein at AACT's auction. (Taub)

some tickets are still available for her appearance in Jerusalem.

AMONG THE winners of the door prize at the high tea and Gideon Oberson fashion show for executive secretaries, cosponsored by Lufthansa and the Sheraton Tel Aviv, was Michael Ivry from Cellcom. "Do you have the courage to come up?" asked the Sheraton's director of sales Moshe Elazar in his capacity as emcee. The innuendo referred to Cellcom's fall from grace after thousands of its cellular phones went haywire.

SPECTATORS AT the Gideon Oberson swimwear parade at the Sheraton included the hotel's part owners, Daniela and Emilio Bruns. A former ballet dancer, Daniela Bruns had hoped to meet Oberson to relive memories of the days when they danced together at the Lilly Omach dance

studio, before Oberson traded in his ballet shoes for a career as a fashion designer. But Oberson was too busy preparing for the Fashion World's Salute to Peace to be held tomorrow night at the Roman amphitheater in Caesarea. Daniela Bruns, who will also be there, is optimistic that perhaps then they will be able to share memories.

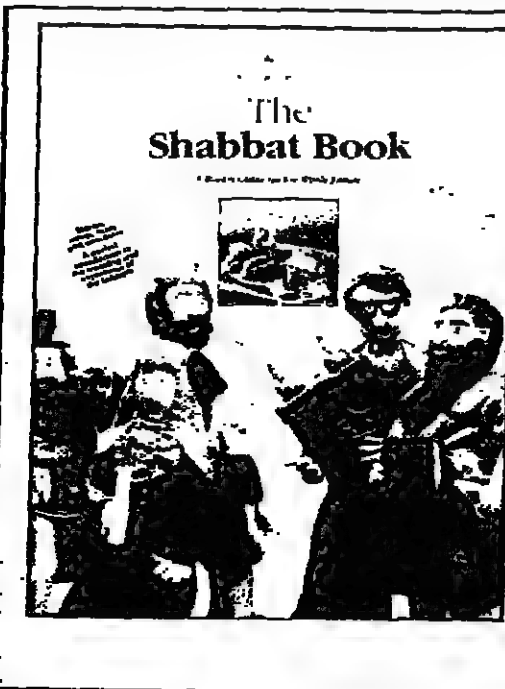
SEEN THIS week at Hypercol's Herzliya branch was Nagwa Bassiouny, wife of the Egyptian ambassador, who had come to inspect the Egyptian products which the chain has imported for its Mediterranean Food Festival. Sampling the various Egyptian fruit confections which have not previously been available here, a satisfied Bassiouny turned to Supersol president David Alphonso and commented that she would no longer have to bring them back with her from visits

home. "When will you start importing *ful*?" she asked.

IN A crowd of more than 800, one's eyes can't be everywhere. Foreign correspondent Ted Levite, who is a veteran representative for a number of European publications, who was one of the guests at the opening of the Teddy Hall at Jerusalem's International Convention Center, notes that the trumpeters were not the only ones who observed the formal dress code. Some days prior to the event, Levite phoned the organizers to ascertain whether evening dress was indeed de rigueur and was given a very definite affirmative reply. So, contrary to his wife's warnings, he donned his white tuxedo (which had been in mothballs since a fancy wedding in London several years ago) and set out from his home in Ramat Gan. However, not only did a large percentage of the men come in open-necked shirts sans jackets; many of the shirts had escaped the benefits of a good iron. Yet the generally sloppy attire, Levite says, could not mar the splendor of the new hall.

PROCEEDS FROM the AACT auction at Asia House in Tel Aviv came to more than NIS 60,000. Auctioneer Gilat Ankori conducted the proceedings, shifting between Hebrew and English. Of all the items which went under the hammer, two American Airlines tickets to the US excited the greatest interest among the 180 bidders. Valued at NIS 11,000, they were snapped up for NIS 6,400.

ARTS SCHOOL students invited by filmmaker Haim Bouzaglo to the late-night Jerusalem premier of his latest production *Scar* at the Semadar saw a film image translated into reality. In the movie, Ronit Alkabetz spends several scenes sitting in a cafe and sipping hot chocolate. Viewers emerging from the Semadar during the intermission saw her at a similar table at the adjacent White Gallery.



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♥ AK853	♥ 10742
♦ AJ972	♦ 864
♣ 84	♣ J5

Gelbard	East	Gans
North	pass	South
2♣	double	pass
3♦	double	pass
pass	pass	pass

Opening lead: ♣K

ONE of the most popular contests in bridge circles is the Mixed Pairs, which requires all partnerships to be made up of a man and a woman. Though many marriages are said to have taken a turn for the worse on such occasions, many courtships have been sparked. (Most wives will tell you that the husband was a nicer partner during the courtship stage.)

Today's deal comes from a five-session extravaganza staged last month at the Beit Bridge Club in Tel Aviv.

The championship was won by the owner of another bridge club, Country Gimmel in Ramat Aviv, partnered by one of the teachers at the club, Moti Gelbard of Haifa and Ilana Gans of Tel Aviv scored a record-breaking 79-percent game in the final session to beat out Beit Bridge Club managers Shaya Levitt and Anda Barber, who took second place.

Third position was Ofr Herbst of Haifa and Migry Tsur of Tel Aviv. Fourth went to Moshe Harel of Tel Aviv and Sara Granovetter of Netanya. Fifth place was won by Amnon Lang and Vered Rains, both of Tel Aviv. "To score a 79-percent game," said Gelbard afterward, "you have to play well, but also be very lucky."

Gans opened the bidding light

in second position, because of her 5-5 shape. West overcalled two hearts and Gelbard made a negative double, theoretically describing a hand with minor suits. At many other tables, after the same start, North simply raised to game, knowing there was an eight-card spade fit and about 25 points between the North-South hands.

But Gelbard wanted to hear more before committing himself. Gans rebid two spades over the double. She might have bid three clubs, but said later she wanted to keep the bidding as low as possible with her weak hand.

West showed his diamonds and Gelbard doubled again, this time for penalty. East preferred hearts, and when this came back around to Gelbard, he bid only three spades.

"It appeared from the opponents' bidding that my king-queen of diamonds were not so valuable, and it also looked like spades might be breaking poorly, since West showed 10 red cards. At match points, you do not have to bid game to score well - you have to go plus."

THREE SPADES became the final contract and West led a top heart and cashed a second round. At this point, a club shift could have made declarer nervous, since it might be a singleton. The club is then won in dummy and the 10 of spades is played. East must cover with the jack and South wins the queen.

If the spades are dividing 3-2, declarer can cash the ace of spades. If the spades are 4-1, however, declarer must make a safety play; she leads a spade to the nine. After this loses to the king, she can later get to dummy with a club lead and play the last spade, finessing through East's 8-6 to her Q-7.

Because of West's revealing bidding, declarer may assume that West has no more than three black cards, so it is safe to lead a second spade to the nine. Even if West has a singleton club and two spades, he will have no more spades to ruff a club with. Making nine tricks, top plus 140, was a near top score for Gelbard-Gans, since most North-South pairs reached game, and usually went down two tricks.



Deep watering, once or twice a week, should turn your lawn into a carpet of green. (Irit Sapir)

Kneel to the mighty weed

GARDENING

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good pair of knee pads and a tool with which to get the roots out.

DOG URINE is a very effective herbicide, burning both foliage and roots. No plant I know will survive regular sprays or heavy concentrations of it. Dead brown rings on the grass are the result.

The best solution to this problem is to take the dog on a leash to a specific out-of-the-way spot to relieve itself, and afterwards let it off the leash to run in the garden. Soon a habit will form and the dog will go to the same spot all the time, leaving the grass to fill in.

Two other kinds of damage can occur where a dog is confined. Sten girdling is pretty straightforward. Just don't chain your dog to a tree trunk or bush. Friction will wear out the bark and the plant will die. Soil compaction is a cumulative problem that may not become obvious at first. The animal tramples and packs down the soil until it's so hard the roots cannot grow there. Even an

old tree or shrub will die after a while.

Think also about plants which overhang the dog's area. Roots spread under the area where the dogs urinate and may be severely damaged after a while. Feed such plants and give them plenty of water so that they can form new roots in another, safer, direction.

Give your pet a spot covered with gravel or wood chips. It will be easy to clean up, keep your garden safe, and, just incidentally, keep your neighbors happy.

IF YOUR grass is very thin, with ground showing through, it may be caused by compacted soil. There are several things you can do. Try aerating. A tool for rat pokes holes in the soil is available at garden centers and nurseries. Then you can top-dress the grass with a layer of good compost and add some fertilizer.

Always water deeply so the roots will reach down. Light watering is almost as bad as no watering. Shallow roots will form and the next hot spell will burn them, leaving dead patches of grass. A good soaking once or twice a week should be enough.

Water early in the morning, not in the heat of the day. At midday the water coming out of the hose is so hot it cooks the grass. Let the water run out on the walk until it begins to cool before turning it on plants and grass.

Unkosher moves

CHESS

NICK KOPALOFF

A S mischievous schoolchild many years ago, we were enthralled by a book called *How to Cheat at Chess*. The book was not intended as a training manual for the would-be charlatan, but rather was full of harmless pranks.

We would diligently practice kicking the opponent under the table or swiping a rook from the adjacent board and placing it on the corner square when he was not looking.

As cheats mature, so do their techniques. Over the years these techniques have taken on a certain sophistication which include the use of parapsychology and computer and electronic devices and gadgets. This has turned many purists into unabashed paranoiacs.

World-championship matches over the last three decades have been fraught with accusations of psychic spectators, meddling seconds and even radioactive yogurt.

While players go out to stretch their legs during the course of a long game, they are often heard consulting friends in foreign languages about their best continuation of play.

Chess players sometimes surpass boxers at unsporting behavior. Eyeballing or psyching out the opponent is not just a pre-fight ritual - it is often carried through to the last move. It is most daunting to sense an intense pair of eyes focused on your forehead while you're studying the board.

Less threatening but very irksome is the habit of those zealot elements who take exception to the cross on the king's head. Most monarchs at my local club have been decapitated. Next on the assassins' retribution list might be the antisemitic bishop or the knight with the crescent-shaped mane. Chess pieces could well be reduced to tiddlywink chips.

One kid at the club is busy making headgear for Jewish kings. He plans to affix each "hat," which looks like a menora, to the king's head; on Hanukkah he intends to set them all on fire.

THE McDONNELL - La Bourdonnais encounter marked the beginning of modern chess in that a series of games between recognized champions was recorded and published. (La Bourdonnais was world champion from 1820 to 1840.) The following game was his most famous win.

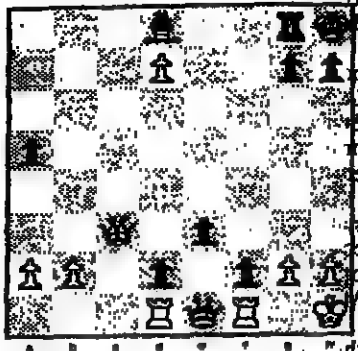
McDonnell - La Bourdonnais
Sicilian Defense - Lowenthal Variation. London
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nxc6; most players today prefer to play the knight to b5 to put pressure on the vulnerable d6 square.

5...bxc6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Qe2; relinquishing the hold on d5. Often in these types of openings, if black is allowed to play d5, he gets parity.

8...d5 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Bb3 0-0 11.0-0 a5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Rd1 d4 14.c4 Qb6 15.Bc2 Bb7 16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bd8 18.c5 Qc6 19.f3 Be7 20.Rc1 f5; Of course not 20...Bxc5? 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Bxf7+.

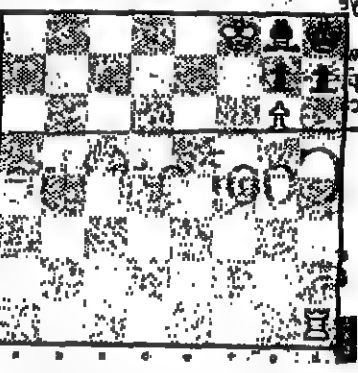
22.Bxf7+ Instead, black offers an exchange sacrifice to get his central pawns rolling.
21.Qc4+ Kh8 22.Ba4 Qb6 23.Bxe8 fxe4 24.c6 exf3 25.Rc2; If 25.cxb7 then Qc3+ leads to mate. 25...Qc3+ 26.Kh1 fxe4 27.Bd7 f2 28.Rf1 d3 29.Rc3 Bxd7 30.cxd7 e4 31.Qc8 Bd8 32.Qe4 Qe1 33.Rc1 d2 34.Qe5 Rg8 35.Rd1 e3 36.Qc3



36...Qxd1 37.Rxd1 e2 0-1

GRANDMASTER Yehudah Greenfield made a timely return to his best form by taking first place in the prestigious Grand Prix tournament at the Birkat Ha'itum Center last week. Greenfield scored 7.5 out of his nine games, ahead of Mark Tseitlin and Boris Kantsler. All 28 participants qualified by virtue of their results in three previous weekend tournaments.

THE THEME in the following simple position appears in many games. White to play and win.



Solution: 1.Rh6! Black is in zugzwang. All moves lead to disaster. If the bishop moves then 2.Rxh7++ 1...gxh6 2.g7++ 1-0

Bandicoot has an 'Oh, dear me' pose

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE plague rat is a rare animal here and can be found only in the salt marshes around Sdom. It is *Nesokia indica*, or *hulday hadover* in Hebrew.

In its area of greatest dispersal, the Indian subcontinent, it is frequently host to a number of viral and parasitic diseases, as well as being a vector of the flea that carries bubonic plague.

Here, the *nesokia* or bandicoot, as it is known here in English, appears as a harmless little mammal that looks a bit like a rat, although it really isn't. It is somewhat heavier than a rat, with a short tail and short ears, and always lives in wet, marshy places.

The fact that this pocket of *nesokia* exists indicates to geohistorians that in the distant past there was enough moist, vegetated land between here and India to allow the migration of this species into the area, which would be impossible today.

Bandicoots have a habit of standing on their hind feet with both front paws clasped in front just under the chin, partially covering the mouth. It looks as if it is just about to mutter "Oh, dear me" as it peers out of its intelligent, bright little eyes, its front paws attemble.

Bandicoots are herbivores - that is, strictly vegetarian animals - and have adapted here to the sparse and somewhat salty vegetation of the area where they live. They eat a variety of leaves, roots and bark, and even make some forages into human garbage bins, where they select vegetables and bread from the trash.

They do, however, need fresh clean water to sustain life, and in this they differ from many of the desert mice, voles and rats that

get almost all their moisture from their food and from occasional sips of dew when it appears, although rarely, in that arid terrain.

Bandicoots breed, as far as is known, only once or twice a year. Their litters are small, rarely more than four and often less. This seems to be one of the factors that keeps it from overpopulating their biotope, where there would not be enough food for large numbers.

Despite a low birth rate, however, they maintain a stable population. Their principal enemies are desert foxes and birds of prey, although some of the young *nesokia* are taken by snakes.

The female nurses her young bandicoots for a full month or more. At about six weeks they are quite independent, although it is not rare to see families with a female and offspring of two widely different ages together.

From a very early age, the *nesokia* acquire the typical stanced and unusual behavior of their adult.

While uncommon here and not particularly attractive, albeit interesting, the bandicoot is a classic example of the specific adaptation of animal to habitat over many thousands of years.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Set apart and sweep out such rubbish (5,5)
- Turn left for the harbour (4)
- Sack a bank-clerk with no right to be in the game (9)
- The team a top newsmen is backing (4)
- Choose duck-and exercise afterwards! (3)
- Over-indulgence in alcoholic drink causing tension? (9)
- Woman organising goal-breaks (4)
- Youngster constantly seen in bar (7)
- Pop an old item of clothing on. It will be ideal (7)
- Pathetic pale excuse (4)
- Support with disagreeable smile (9)

DOWN

- Note the money's sound (3)
- Not in favour of a social worker joining one (4)
- There's a room here for high-fliers! (9)
- A way old-fashioned article can give rise to complaint (4)
- Force to tell it to (3,7)
- Talk about the queen's clothes (4)
- Not suitable for women in the oldest age-group (4)
- The place with the best back-up (4)
- Charm HM's lesson book (7)

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Novelist (6)
- Cuts short (5)
- Board game (5)
- The mean (7)
- Affront (7)
- Boat (4)
- Manage (3)
- Vend (4)
- Notion (4)
- Look at (3)
- Rear (4)
- Greenflies (7)
- Chic (7)
- Bend (5)
- Curt (5)
- Expand (6)

DOWN

- Security device (6)
- Place of entertainment (7)
- Impediment (8)
- Attracted (4)
- Map (5)
- Stable (6)
- Best (5)
- Bedtime drink (8)
- Sanction (7)
- Missing (6)
- Soil (6)
- Rise (6)
- Comprehensible (5)
- Construct (4)

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A vacation oasis deep in Tunisia

The dramatic parts of Tunisia are deep in the Sahara, whose largest oases are filled with lush date palms, Yosef Goell reports



At Kairouan, said to be - like Jerusalem - the third holiest city in Islam, the grand mosque is named for Mohammed's companion, who is credited with founding the city. (Yosef Goell)

THE first intimation that we were on our way to Moslem North Africa came aboard our Alitalia flight from Rome to Tunis. The box lunch served on the one-hour flight contained a note in French, Arabic, English and Turkish stating that the cold cuts did not contain any pork.

Tunis's Habib Bourguiba Airport is a dumpier version of what used to be like; but modern Tunis, outside the old, walled city of medina, has many more modern buildings than Tel Aviv.

The giant ficus trees and the stately palms in the streets are a constant reminder that we are at opposite ends of a shared Mediterranean.

My wife and I visited Tunisia this spring on our way back from the US. It is now possible to visit Tunisia on an Israeli passport, but since we were coming from the US, we used our American passports, which did not require a visa.

During our two weeks in Tunisia we identified ourselves as Americans, not being sure how deeply the new formal relations between our two countries had penetrated into the countryside or Tunis, which is still home to PLO headquarters. We did try phoning home once from a public telephone in a small town, and after being told there were no phone connections with Israel as yet, we did not try again.

Instead of visiting Tunis first, we rented a small car at the airport, took a swing through the capital's main drag - also named

for Bourguiba, the founding father of independent Tunisia - and then headed for Kairouan, 160 km. away.

Kairouan is the site of the grand mosque of Sidi Oqba Ibn Nafi, one of the companions of the prophet Mohammed, who is credited with founding the city in 670 CE and initiating the subsequent conversion of North Africa to Islam. My interest in seeing Kairouan was its connection with Jerusalem - both cities are said to be the third holiest city in Islam. According to local convention, seven pilgrimages to Kairouan are equal to one haj to Mecca.

My view that once you've seen one medina you've seen them all was proven by a walk through the one at Kairouan, which sells the same things and has the same tourist attractions as most others in the Moslem world. The grand mosque was indeed grand in size, but non-Moslems are not allowed into the prayer hall. The big square minaret, built in North African style, was constructed from big stones recycled from older Roman ruins, which abound in northern Tunisia.

TUNISIA IS a pleasant but not dramatic country. The most beautiful sites were on our forays into the Sahara in the far south.

When the Arabs conquered North Africa in the seventh century, the indigenous Berber inhabitants were pushed into the desert mountains. A must in southern Tunisia are the Berber ksars - mountain villages - which

I was glad we made it, but even happier that we were driving a rented car rather than our own.

From there we backtracked into the desert mountains again to Matmata. That town's claim to fame is its cave dwellers, some of whom still live in a few of the hundreds of caves that dot the area. The cave dwellings were used as the site for the filming of *Star Wars*. Some of the more picturesque caves have now been linked up into a modern cave hotel. Our guide told us that nearly all the men in the village, as in many other parts of Tunisia, work in Europe and come home for a month once a year.

According to legend, the Jewish community of Djerba was founded by exiles from the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE.

Most of the Djerba Jews have immigrated to Israel. The community's present synagogue was built in 1920, and its adjoining complex of artisan shops has recently been refurbished as a lodge for a growing number of Jewish tourists.

Artistically, the most impressive things to see in Tunisia are the marvelous mosaics and the Roman ruins.

Both are reminders that this area of North Africa was a major part of the Roman Empire for half a millennium. Some of the best of the quite-intact large Roman cities can be seen at Sbeitla and Dougga. The mosaics can best be seen at the Bardo Museum in Tunis, which was the palace of the Beys of Tunis.

Rome was of course preceded by Carthage, the Phoenician city and empire that was founded near today's Tunis by colonists from the city of Tyre in the ninth century BCE. When Roman Senator Cato the Censor insisted "*Carthago delenda est*," he really meant totally destroyed.

There is virtually nothing to see at the site of the Carthage ruins. But there is an interesting Carthage Museum, which features a grisly reminder of the city's Canaanite origins: archaeological remains - tiny bones and all - of a Tophet, a biblical synonym for hell, which was the place where the Canaanite Baal-worshippers sacrificed children to their god.

MUCH OF central Tunisia is like our northern Negev. The really dramatic parts, deep into the Sahara, are very different. The large oases, with tens of thousands of lush date palms, are out of Rudolph Valentino's *The Sheik*.

Some of the best can be seen driving out from desert base towns like Douz and Tozeur, or across the desolate Chott el-Jerid, a gigantic shallow marsh-saline sea.

Tunisia's coast has many beautiful beaches, which are the main attraction for the growing number of European winter tourists.

Just where the coast turns eastward toward Libya is the island of Djerba, which lies about 1 km. from the mainland and is reached by ferry. It too has beautiful beaches, but its main attraction for us was the Jewish community and synagogue at Ghreibe, about 10 km. south of the main town, Hout Souk.

Look for the cheap charters

THE group tour fee quoted by Yossi Tours for a six-day tour of Tunisia is \$399 per person, plus \$566 for round-trip airfare from Israel.

What is much more reasonable, if you are ready to do Tunis on your own, is combining the visit with a flight to the US or Europe. We got a particularly good deal on Alitalia to Newark. We flew to Rome in the late afternoon, were put up overnight by Alitalia and continued to Newark the next day at noon, arriving much fresher than on a direct flight.

On the way back we had a three-hour wait at Fiumicino Airport for the one-hour connecting flight to Tunis, which cost \$180 one way. Even cheaper charters are available from Rome, Paris or Marseilles. We preferred making our way back by ferry from Tunis to Trapani in Sicily, for a one-week tour of the island.

Car hire in Tunis is relatively expensive, but worth it. The roads are like Israel's were 20 or 30 years ago, but the traffic is very light so the driving is easy. We like to do things on the cheap, so we generally use *Lonely Planet* or *Let's Go* guide books.

This time the Let's Go for Italy, which also includes a section on Tunisia, proved to be extremely reliable on sights, exotic places, hotels and restaurants. Y.G.

Cool off the natural way after touring Beit Sh'an

SEE IT HERE
HAIM SHAPIRO

IT is hot, really hot, in the Jordan Valley during the summer months, making the existence of a new natural water park all the more welcome, even though the park is still being completed.

The park, Ganei Huga, is a five-minute drive east of Beit Sh'an, and only a few minutes from the Jordan River border crossing. The drive to the park is spectacular, with the road gently descending into the Jordan Valley, giving a fine view of the nearby hills in Jordan.

In the summer, when the surrounding hills are parched and dry, the first view of the lush, green park is all the more welcome. For anyone who has spent a few hours exploring the antiquities of Beit Sh'an, there should be nothing more welcoming than a dip in one of the pools.

There are three large pools, fed by a natural spring. The pools have a more tailored look than those of nearby Gan Hashlosha, but this might be because Ganei Huga is so new that the vegetation has barely had a chance to take root, much less to spread. For the moment, at least, the little inlets and the island with three palm trees in the center of one of the pools have the look of something dreamed up by the designer of a luxury hotel. This feeling was reinforced by the fact that, during our visit, there was music constantly playing over loudspeakers.

Just beyond the pools are the remains of a flour mill. An artist, an immigrant from the former Soviet Union, was busy drawing the remains in what she explained was the first step in restoration. "The banks of the pools are edged in stone and are easy to walk on, even after the sun has been beating down on them for several hours. However, the beds of the pools are lined with large, round pebbles, which are not at all easy on the feet. This difficulty was exacerbated on the day we visited, since there was no life-guard at the deepest pool and swimming was not permitted there. We were thus forced to walk in the medium pool, rather than dive right into the deep pool. I imagine that, as time goes by, the stones will become covered with moss, which will make them less hard on the feet, but more slippery.

Book your ferry in advance

TRAVEL TIPS
HAIM SHAPIRO

A frustrating experience while traveling is to come to a port only to find that the car or passenger ferry you had planned to use is all booked up. Saviv Ha'olam represents many of the major European ferry companies and can provide information, schedules, reservations and tickets, for crossings lasting from a few hours to overnight, before you leave home.

WHETHER IT'S called the curse of the pharaohs or Montezuma's revenge, wherever it strikes, traveler's diarrhea can make what should be a wonderful experience into a miserable one. Neopharm, the Israeli distributors of Pepto Bismol, a preparation intended to soothe funny tummys, has advice, especially for travelers in hot climates.

Make sure to wash your hands. Don't drink tap water or water from a stream and don't use ice in your drinks. Drink only carbonated bottled beverages. Only eat fruit or vegetables if they can be peeled and have a skin which is intact. Cooked food should be eaten when it is hot. Avoid eating raw or rare meat.

The company also says that doctors today recommend letting the ailment run its course, rather than trying to stop it.

Most important, if it does hit, drink plenty of bottled water to avoid becoming dehydrated.

FOR THOSE for whom such threats are a reason to stay at home, prices in Western Galilee are particularly attractive this year, with the rate for a couple with breakfast as low as NIS 145 a night at Kibbutz Gesher Haziv. At NIS 162, prices are only slightly higher at Kibbutz Tuval, Moran or Shomrat. For further information about accommodations, tours and activities in the area, Tel. 04-9852377.

NATOUR HAS a summer package of eight nights in Bangkok for \$987, including airfare. For slightly more, the package can include an excursion to either Phuket or the Golden Triangle.

For individual travelers, the company has a selection of discount rate plans in various parts of the world for such chains as

Holiday Inn, Best Western, and Forte Agip.

HERTZ is offering what it claims are very attractive prices for rental cars in Europe and the US, with a Ford Fiesta in Germany renting for DM 35 a day (for seven days or more), including insurance. The fee for returning a standard car to another location in Europe is \$50.

LUFTHANSA is offering a bargain trip to Munich of \$444 round trip. The fare is only valid for those leaving Tel Aviv on the company's Saturday flights, but return may be on any Lufthansa flight from Munich. It is valid until August 19.

LONDON'S JEWISH Museum has reopened in Albert Street, near Camden Town Underground Station. The museum includes galleries devoted to Jewish history in Britain and ceremonial art, with additional audio-visual programs and displays. Admission is £3 adults, £1.50 children.

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House okays foreign aid bill; includes aid to Israel, Egypt

THE first foreign aid challenge in the new era of congressional austerity ended successfully for Israel - barely - with yesterday's House of Representatives approving the 1996 foreign aid authorization bill.

The vote, 222-193, is the first step in a process that would deliver \$3 billion to Israel and \$2.1 billion to Egypt in military and economic assistance.

Additional funds to the Palestinians and Lebanon are not earmarked in the \$18.3b. bill, but will be contained in an appropriations bill to be taken up later. The total includes \$12.2b. in actual foreign assistance, with the

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

rest funding US foreign policy operations here and abroad.

It is about \$1b. less than last year's amount.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which lobbied hard for the legislation, hailed the vote.

Its executive director, Neal Sher, said the bill "sends a clear message of US support for Israel as it takes great risks for peace, and as it continues to play a key role as the US's partner in the strategic area. AIPAC believes

foreign aid is absolutely vital to a robust foreign policy."

The Republican bill generated heated partisan discussion in recent days, because it would eliminate the Agency for International Development, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the US Information Agency and transfer their functions to the State Department.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee earlier in the week completed work on its own foreign aid authorization bill, which is due to reach the floor later this month.

The entire foreign aid approval process is expected to last until the end of the summer.

LA court sentences man who hired Mannings to life in prison

WILLIAM Ross, who, together with Robert and Rochelle Manning, was charged in a 1980 mail-bomb killing, has been sentenced to life in prison.

The sentence concludes a case that aroused strong emotions and protests among Orthodox and nationalist groups in Israel and Los Angeles. It has been dragging through the federal courts since 1988.

According to court testimony, Ross, 58, enlisted the Mannings, like him members of the Jewish Defense League in Los Angeles during the 1970s, to construct and mail a bomb to the owner of a local computer firm, with whom Ross had a bitter business dispute.

The package holding the device, however, was opened by the firm's secretary, Patricia Wilker-

TOM TUGEND
LOS ANGELES

son, who was killed instantly.

The Mannings emigrated to Israel in the early 1980s and took up residence in Kiryat Arba. They held dual US and Israeli citizenship.

When Rochelle Manning returned to Los Angeles for a visit in 1988, she was arrested and put on trial with Ross. Both were released when the jury could not reach a verdict, and she returned to Israel.

Subsequently, the US asked for Robert Manning's extradition. He fought the extradition in court for two years, but lost and was returned to Los Angeles to stand trial in late 1993.

He was found guilty and sen-

tenced in February 1994 to life imprisonment, with no parole possible for 30 years. He is now incarcerated at a maximum security prison in Florence, Colorado.

Rochelle Manning was reindicted, and early last year the High Court of Justice rejected her final appeal to block extradition. She was being held in Neveh Tirza prison when she died of a heart attack in March 1994.

Ross was also reindicted, but fled to Canada. He surrendered to authorities there and was returned to Los Angeles. He was to have been tried jointly with Rochelle Manning.

Three weeks ago, a federal jury found Ross guilty of ordering the mailing of the explosive device in 1980. Ross will be eligible for parole in 10 years.

Dimona man gets 10 years for killing violent father

AMIR ROZENBLIT

SHAHAR Hadad, a Dimona man who killed his violent father last March, was given a 10-year sentence yesterday by the Beersheba District Court.

Hadad, 25, surrendered to police after shooting his father, Zecharya, 15 times, with his brother's IDF-issue rifle. The father had a history of violent attacks on his family.

Under a plea agreement, the charge was reduced from murder to manslaughter. He was convicted on March 28.

The court decided 2-1 to issue the 10-year sentence. The dissenting judge recommended a seven-year sentence.

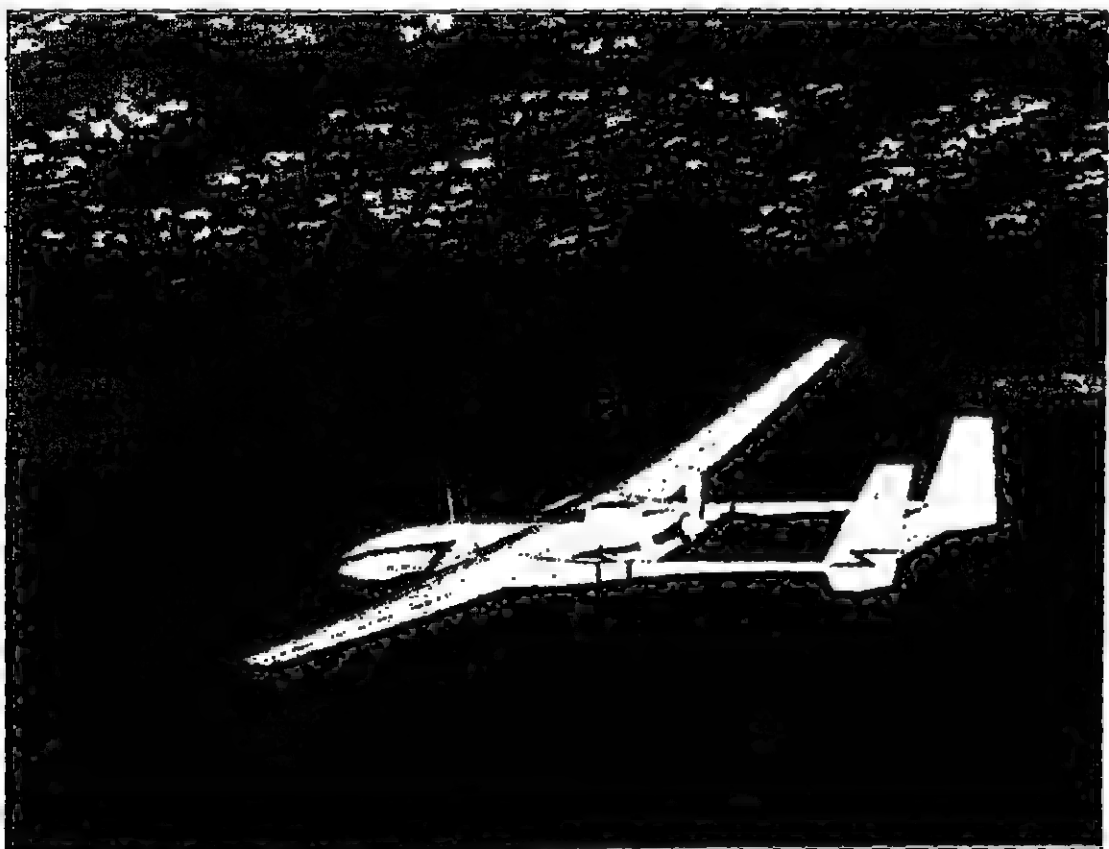
In sentencing, Judge Gilad Giladi said the court

had to avoid condoning murder as a way to deal with a violent family member.

It therefore "had to make a clear statement - the punishment for taking another's life will be painful and grave. Another solution must be found to family problems," the judge said in ruling.

Giladi added that the court also considered its ruling "as a deterrent to the public, many of whom hold licensed weapons - and the temptation to use them to solve problems is great."

The Hadad children said their family suffered greatly because of the violent way their father treated their mother, Haviva. They also said Zecharya would beat them.



The Israeli-made Heron unmanned drone recently completes a long-range endurance mission lasting more than 51 hours, as part of a test program.

Education Ministry starts English-language camps

BATSHEVA TSUR

DETERMINED to raise the standard of English instruction here, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein has instituted a network of special summer camps.

In dozens of localities throughout the country, some 100 English-language programs will be held for children between the ages of 11 and 16.

The camps will be conducted in conjunction with the Association of Community Centers.

The program was originally designed to provide 10,000 children with fun and games in an effort to improve their English-language skills.

But as registration opened, it became clear that interest exceeded expectations, and another 1,000 places have been added, Education Ministry spokesman Yehoshua

Amishav said.

Known as The English Club, the program will last two to three weeks and be heavily subsidized. For those who can afford to pay, it will cost between NIS 300 and NIS 400, much less than private summer camps.

Children from underprivileged homes will receive even greater subsidies. Camps will also be held in the Arab sector, the spokesman said.

More than 500 volunteer counselors from English-speaking countries have signed up to participate. Most are students from abroad or those studying here for short periods, he said, and the camps are also designed to give them a taste of Israel.

Every "club" will choose a theme - such as "100 years of movies," or "love stories" - designed to capture the imagination of the young participants.

The camps will also provide other activities - such as sports, nature, computer and video photography.

There will also be two "villages" for those wanting to participate in an overnight camp. Earlier this year, Rubinstein tried to introduce English-language studies for non-academic subjects in the schools, but his proposals were vetoed.

The summer camps, however, have been enthusiastically received by the experts, the spokesman said.

A French Club, in cooperation with the French Embassy, will also be held for pupils wishing to learn French.



Outgoing Interior Minister Uzi Baram (right) and Justice Minister David Liba'i, at the ceremony yesterday at which Baram relinquished his portfolio. Liba'i is to be interior minister until a new minister - expected to be former chief of staff Ehud Barak - is added to the government in August.

(Brian Hendler)

Orlev, in Deri trial, describes irregular transfers of funds

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SCENARIOS

SPECIAL allocations given to the Kdei Kodosh Association were later transferred by the Religious Affairs Ministry to the Prisoner Rehabilitation Center set up by the leaders of the Lev Banim Yeshiva, former Religious Affairs Ministry director-general Zevulun Orlev told the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

Orlev, testifying in the fraud trial of MK Aryeh Deri and three co-defendants, said the funds were transferred at the request of former Shas MK Yair Levy. Orlev testified for the prosecution yesterday for an hour on the method in which the special allocations were distributed.

He said they were often disbursed to various yeshivot and associations according to party affiliation without being registered in any way.

He was presented documents which showed that in March 1987, Levy had asked for the funds to be given to the rehabilitation center since Kdei Kodosh had become inactive and would not be able to use the funds. Orlev testified that Levy had handled the matter and Deri was not involved. The request was handled by a Religious Affairs Ministry committee that quickly transferred the funds, he said.

Orlev admitted that it was an irregular request to transfer funds from one association to another.

The prosecution claims that funds were transferred to the center and then to the Lev Banim Yeshiva, when that institution needed funds to settle its problems with the housing project for bareidim at Nebi Samwil. (Itim)

Kesselman wins national Scrabble title

Jerusalem Post Reporter

THREE games before the end of the Third Israel Scrabble Championships, played last night in Jerusalem, everybody was congratulating the wrong player.

Sam Orbaum needed to win just one more game but lost three straight - all to Zeev Kesselman.

Kesselman, 51, a chemical engineer from Elazar, beat out 15 other logomachists to win NIS 750 and a trophy. He also wins a free trip to London in November to represent Israel in the World Scrabble Championships.

The air ticket was provided courtesy of Ziontours Jerusalem, which co-sponsored the tournament with The Jerusalem Post.

Kesselman finished with a record of 9-3 +625. Orbaum, 39, a Jerusalem journalist, clinched Israel's second allotted spot in the London tourney with a record of 8-4 +475, winning NIS 500.

Third place and NIS 250 went to Zelig Leader, 52, a Jerusalem computer programmer with the Income Tax Authority.

In a novel experiment, the tournament was broadcast live on the Internet. Scrabble fans worldwide followed the proceedings as described by one of the participants, Jerusalemite Steve Goldberg.

(Continued from Page 1) bomber or sniper, Rabin has said such roads are key, as they reduce the friction between the settlers and Palestinians.

Another unknown is whether the IDF will be allowed to pursue suspected terrorists into areas from which it has redeployed.

Senior Israeli officials suggest hot pursuit should be allowed, noting it was not coincidental that the Oslo accord uses the term "redeploy" with reference to the upcoming period, as opposed to "withdrawal," which was used in reference to Gaza and Jericho.

However, even if hot pursuit is agreed upon, it appears that it would only be used in the most extreme of circumstances, so as to allow the Palestinian Authority to handle the situation.

There are various signs that talks have entered an accelerated phase. Israel is now negotiating with the Palestinians over the transfer of 33 different spheres of civil authority. Until now, negotiations have only dealt with five spheres.

Furthermore, the negotiating format no longer involves large and sometimes unwieldy delegations on both sides, but rather one-on-one talks. These sessions are taking place without being publicly announced.

For example, Foreign Ministry legal adviser Joel Singer is said to be holding quiet talks with Saeb Erekat at unknown locations. According to Palestinian official Tayeb Abu Rahim, redeployment talks are being held between OC Planning Branch Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan and top Palestinian security official Abd Razzak Yihyeh.

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While Shihabi and Shahak will be discussing security, a senior Clinton administration official said US-brokered talks on other related issues will also be revived.

He said the two sides will discuss the extent of withdrawal, the nature of peaceful relations, such as establishment of embassies, and the timetable for phasing in withdrawal and normalization.

Meanwhile, the US has persuaded Rabin to fly to Cairo this morning for brief talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, with Christopher in attendance. An aide to Rabin suggested he was reluctant to attend because there are no pressing issues to discuss, and because Israelis are irked that in 14 years in office, Mubarak has never visited here.

Officials in Jerusalem believe the talks are meant to bolster Egypt's image in Congress at a time when Egypt's \$2.1 billion in foreign aid is more vulnerable than the past. But a senior administration official denied this last night.

"We are not that calculating," he said. "There have been months of Egypt-Israel strain [over the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty]. Now is the time to turn over a new page. We have an interest to initiate such a meeting between our two top allies in the region, so there is no further falling out."

OUTAGE

(Continued from Page 1) mands investigating to find out what happened and ways of preventing it from recurring." Shalom said. "This wasn't just one street or even one city. Even if we're talking about an act of God [like a brush fire] we must remember that these acts are happening too frequently and we need to find out if there isn't some way after all of preventing them."

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 460765 won NIS 1,000,000.

The holder of ticket number 836803 won a car.

Tickets numbered 830926, 665302, 608998, 054895, 763890, 791381, 011057 and 640576 won NIS 5,000. These tickets ending in 2206, 90919, 05271, 80945, 64850, 84987, 20511, 20962, 03180, 92663, 28842, 16962, 11407, 25884, 55221, 01608, 99642, 94721 and 23338 won NIS 1,000. Tickets ending in 182, 397, 804, 530, and 493 won NIS 500. Tickets ending in 27, 78, 03, 15 and 85 won NIS 24. Tickets ending in 04 and 09 won NIS 8.

Yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, 10 of hearts, 10 of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Trade deficit up 1.4% last month

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE trade deficit edged up 1.4 percent last month, to \$870 million, as a sharp rise in exports was partially offset by a moderate increase in imports, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Exports shot up 15.4%, to \$1.47 billion from \$1.3b. in April, while imports rose 8.3%, to \$2.34b. from \$2.16b.

Seasonally adjusted figures, excluding ships, airplanes and diamonds, show that exports were up 4% in the past two months, after rising 2% in the previous two months.

Similarly, imports were 6% higher than in the preceding two months, which registered a 2% increase.

Since the beginning of the year, imports expanded by 14%, an annual rate of 32%, compared with a 5% increase in the second half of last year. By contrast, exports grew a more moderate 3% in the past five months, reaching an annual rate of 7%, compared to

Leumi approves Maor as new managing director

GAUT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi's board of directors unanimously voted yesterday to appoint Galia Maor as managing director at the start of August.

Maor will take over from David Friedman, who will retire from his position at the end of July.

Maor joined Leumi in 1991 as managing director in charge of branches, finance, capital market operations, logistics and marketing of the bank and its subsidiaries.

Maor developed the First Direct service, the first telephone bank in the country providing banking services. In addition, Maor is responsible for the change in the bank's organizational structure.

Before joining Leumi, Maor served as economic adviser to the committee in charge of the kibbutz debt arrangement and also participated in international projects to restructure individual banks and the banking sector.

In 1982, Maor was appointed supervisor of banks, a position she



Galia Maor (Mike Ganor)

held for five years. In 1985 she was appointed to the Bank of Israel's board of management.

The appointment to Leumi was approved despite a petition to the High Court of Justice demanding

that the court prevent Maor from becoming Leumi managing director.

The board meeting was scheduled after Dalia Tal, the board of directors' legal adviser, received the green light from the attorney general and the Bank of Israel. The attorney general said he will stand behind Maor's appointment during the court hearing.

The petition was filed in May by Magen 94, an association for victims of the 1994 stock market collapse. Maor was the supervisor of banks at the time of the 1993 bank shares collapse.

The Bejski Commission found that her negligence in this role had directly contributed to the disaster, which resulted in a \$7 billion government bailout.

The petition claimed it violated the most basic principles of good government to give Maor one of the top jobs in the banking system.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Court approves extradition charges for Leeson: A German court has approved 11 additional charges against Nick Leeson in a formal request from Singapore for the extradition of the former Barings Bank trader, a Frankfurt prosecutor said.

Singapore wants to put the British trader on trial in connection with derivatives losses that led to the collapse of the British investment bank in February.

GEC bids for VSEL: General Electric Co Plc yesterday launched a new \$335 million bid for British nuclear submarine maker VSEL that could knock rival bidder British Aerospace out of the ring.

GEC demonstrated its deeper pockets with the new bid of £21.5 per share in cash that trounced the current British Aerospace bid of 3.3 BAe shares for every VSEL share.

Analysts said BAe would be wise to admit defeat at the hands of a far stronger opponent.

Zeneca shares soar: Shares in Zeneca Group Plc, Britain's third largest drugs company, soared to a record high yesterday on continued speculation of a bid from Switzerland's Roche Holding Ltd.

The stock hit 1,125 pence before falling back to close at 1,068 – a gain of 74% on the day – after the company issued a statement declaring that it knew of no reason for the advance.

"Zeneca Group Plc, in response to an enquiry from the Stock Exchange, confirms that it knows of no reason for the recent rise in its share price, other than possible investor assessment of the strength of its new product portfolio," it said.

The exchange had earlier declared price quotes in the shares indicative as the price spiraled higher in frantic trading. The market has been gripped by talk of a Roche bid all week.

British industrial output fell during May: with a clutch of official data backing the view that economic growth is flagging and interest rate rises are out of the question for now. Output by Britain's industries and the key manufacturing sector both slumped 0.2 percent during the month, surprising forecasters who predicted only a slowdown in growth.

US jobless claims down: The number of Americans seeking first-time jobless benefits declined in the latest week but a more closely watched average of recent claims rose to a two-and-a-half-year high, the government said. Despite the decline of 7,000 claims in the latest week, the total was well above Wall Street economists' expectations.

Kibbutz debt package clears major hurdle

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE last major stumbling block to completing the kibbutz debt arrangement was overcome last night, when Finance Minister Avraham Shohar and the heads of the major banks agreed on a debt write-off formula.

Under the arrangement, which will address a debt of some NIS 6 billion, the kibbutzim will contribute NIS 2b. worth of land and the banks will cover the remainder.

The banks and the Treasury agreed to split the burden in such a way that the banks will be responsible for 65 percent and the government 35%.

Under the previous debt arrangement, the banks only bore 60% of the costs.

For kibbutzim located in outlying areas, where land values are low, the debt will be written off by the government and the banks within five years, starting in 1996.

During that time, the debt will be index-linked, but with no interest. Should the land the kibbutzim contribute be worth less than NIS 2b., the government and the banks will pick up the tab by the agreed split.

From the sixth year on, the debt will bear a 2% interest rate over inflation.

The government aid package to newer kibbutzim will cost NIS 600 million and will be sent for Knesset Finance Committee approval next week.

Elmaleh sells to an equally colorful customer

COMMENT
NEIL COHEN

DR. Joe Elmaleh's sale of his controlling 16.8% stake in JOEL this week marks the end of an era.

For some time now, the press-spy Elmaleh has been vilified by the media. His companies have lost a great deal of shareholders' money, while he and other managers continued to draw sizeable salaries and benefits and to carry out related-party transactions (the most recent of which shareholders succeeded in blocking), in which the advantage to public shareholders was not always obvious.

Several weeks ago, Elmaleh, quite uncharacteristically, gave a series of interviews. Perhaps their purpose was simply to promote his expanding Bistop-Nargile chain of eateries; perhaps he wanted a chance to respond to the criticism; or perhaps he engineered the opportunity to put his holdings in JOEL up for sale. In one interview, he said that offered the right price he would take the money and move on. Apparently, people were not slow to take the hint and, according to Elmaleh and those around him, offers poured in.

Not surprisingly so. There are

few other ways of gaining control of a cash pile in excess of NIS 200 million and a bunch of other assets for a mere NIS 50 million or so. The way JOEL's board is constructed, and its other publicly-traded subsidiaries (Isramco Inc. and PassPort) owned, Elmaleh's stake confers effective control of all three companies. And the Isramco Limited Partnership has another pile of cash, which should be used for oil exploration.

Elmaleh has sold to a character no less colorful or controversial than he is – Yuval Ran, who controls Credit Lines, a grey market lender which controls a web of subsidiaries. Ran, known as the master of the "bubble" company, is regarded as a stock-market whiz and financial genius.

Shareholders in most of Ran's publicly traded companies probably wish they had seen some benefit from that genius. While Credit Lines is moderately successful,

most of his other enterprises are not, and Ran has yet to build a record to inspire confidence that he will invest the money in JOEL's kitty any more successfully than Elmaleh. But he will probably make for plenty of good copy.

Shrill, but not unsond

The report on the economy the International Monetary Fund issued on Wednesday could almost have been written by the Bank of Israel on one of its less diplomatic days. Even internally, the central bank would probably have been a little more forgiving.

New Zealand apart, few economies would stand up to the exacting standards set by the IMF, which, right now, we thankfully do not need. Exports are growing, the economy is generally more open, more competitive, and budgetary discipline is improving.

But its accurate criticisms should not be ignored just because the report is a little shrill. Privatization continues to be handled with embarrassing ineptitude. Savings are on a downward trend, and the balance of payments deficit is alarming. And the bailout mentality still persists. The proposed pension rescue plan may get through now, politically palatable as it is. But as many have said before, and the IMF report rightly observes, it fails to address the worldwide phenomenon of aging populations. Is anyone listening out there?

Shekem plans more dismissals

GAUT LIPKIS BECK

Shekem management is planning to fire another 300 of the chain's workers as part of the new owners' recovery program, the company said yesterday.

The Shekem's workers committee said the recovery plan focuses on firing workers rather than implementing other efficiency steps.

In a press release the company said, "Management forecast's this is the last wave of firings in the framework of Shekem's recovery plan."

Elco purchased the retail chain from the government at the end of 1994. The company completed the first quarter of 1995 with a net loss of NIS 11 million and is expected to continue to suffer losses in the second quarter of the year.

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OR ON THE RUN?**

Mr. Brian Marber, an independent foreign exchange consultant, said despite recent setbacks, "It is still my contention that the dollar has made a major low. The pull-back of last week was just what the dollar did during each of the previous rallies. The dollar hasn't done anything in my book that violates that view."

THE FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON
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WORLD MARKETS REPORT

- **US DOLLAR** - After disappointing US employment figures last Friday, the dollar vs deutsche-mark collapsed to DM1.39. However, fear of renewed Central bank intervention helped the unit to recover to the DM1.42 level.
- **UK EQUITIES** - The two day upsurge in UK equities finally ran out of steam yesterday as investors took profits and as Wall Street again displayed signs that it had run ahead too quickly. Adding to the downside pressure in equities was another week showing by gilt-edged stocks, which have declined on the back of weak international bond prices.
- **ASIA PACIFIC** - Hong Kong corrected after last week's sharp gains. The Hang Seng fell through first line support at 9400, with next line support situated at 9100 - 9200. American investors were said to be bullish on the market, but were waiting at the sidelines. Our recent recommendation of Amoy Properties (HK37.10) remains attractive at a 48% discount to estimated NAV. Singapore encountered mild profit taking, and first line support is situated on the Straits index at 2175.
- **SOUTH AFRICA** - The Johannesburg Stock Exchange remained subdued amid fears over local economic and political developments. Volatility on the exchange was thin with investors focusing on the next move in domestic interest rates. The equity market drifted, convinced that the next interest rate move would be upwards, whilst in the bond market yields on the benchmark F150 and E108 fell on the week from 16.95% to 16.80%, indicating a contrary stance.
- **RAID BONDS** - Presently only limited interest is being seen in raid bonds, as the market perceives that the raid may weaken further against the US dollar, restrained interest. A 16.90 is 17.00% yield on the key benchmark bonds seem to favor a stimulated interest in the raid bond market.
- **CANADA** - A few weeks ago we advised that our clients were substantial buyers of Diamond Fields at C\$45.00. The company recently announced it had made a major discovery of a nickel deposit in Volney Bay, Canada. The stock is currently trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange at C\$76.50 having touched C\$81.25, and Canadian dealers expect the stock to possibly reach C\$100.00.
- **GOLD** - Bullion managed to clear the key US\$385/oz resistance level yesterday, in a rally led by silver. Interest though was said to be thin, and a period of consolidation prior to an attempt at the next resistance level at \$387.50 can be expected in the short term.
- **PPM ISRAEL GROWTH FUND**: Net Asset Value as at June 5, 1995 - US\$5.19

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Dutch guilder	1.6720	1.6033	1.54	1.5922
Swiss franc	2.5413	2.5823	2.49	2.527
Swedish krona	0.4103	0.4170	0.40	0.4135
Norwegian krona	0.4713	0.4780	0.46	0.4672
Denmark kroner	0.5373	0.5460	0.52	0.5428
Finnish mark	0.0630	0.0661	0.06	0.0611
Canadian dollar	2.1556	2.1804	2.11	2.1594
Australian dollar	2.1422	2.1768	2.10	2.1594
S. African rand	0.0073	0.0074	0.73	0.73
Belgian franc (10)	1.0158	1.0261	1.00	1.0298
Austrian schilling (10)	2.2758	3.0279	2.22	3.0294
Italian lire (1000)	1.8042	1.8333	1.77	1.8197
Corona	—	—	0.84	0.82
Egyptian pound	—	—	—	—
EUU	3.5750	3.9406	4.72	4.85
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Australian rugby team 'confident'

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — It is the most important match for world champion Australia in four years, but coach Bob Dwyer described his players as cool and confident going into Sunday's Rugby World Cup quarter-final against England in Cape Town.

"Our state of mind is good," Dwyer said after a private training session yesterday. "We are very positive, very urgent."

The Australians know they need to be all those things when they face the Five Nations champion for the first time since the 1991 World Cup final, a 12-6 Wallaby victory at Twickenham.

"This is a match that will require a great deal of will to win," Dwyer said.

Australia lost its opening World Cup match this year to South Africa before recording victories over Canada and Romania to reach the quarter-finals. The early defeat, however, may prove to be a blessing, Dwyer said.

"The opening loss was a severe setback, but it was almost as if we had to go down to come back up again," he said.

Captain Michael Lynagh echoed Dwyer's analysis of the team's mood, saying "everybody appears very switched on."

Dwyer rejected media suggestions the Australian backline had been too elaborate against South Africa and Canada, while a similar approach appeared to work better in the 42-3 romp over Romania.

"The backline know what they are doing," he said. "Nothing that we do is too complex, and they've got about 40 set plays to call on."

While England manager Jack Rowell has described the match as "death or glory," Dwyer called it "just another step."

"But the thought of flying home early next week is an horrific prospect," he conceded.

Reserve scrumhalf Peter Slattery missed training with a heavy cold yesterday, but Dwyer said he was confident Slattery would be available to take his place on the bench.

The Australians will focus Sunday on center Jeremy Guscott and flyhalf Rob Andrew as the key England players.

Guscott barely got the nod for England ahead of Phil de Glanville, but that might inspire him, noted Wallaby center Jason Little.

"Once someone has been in that position, they normally respond with a big game," Little said. "We know how dangerous Guscott can be."

Wing David Campese, who ended his self-imposed media ban, said Andrew's goal-kicking often made the difference between success and failure for England.



READY TO WIN — Australian captain Michael Lynagh in action against South Africa in the World Cup opener. (AP)

Baseball owners: 11 new ballparks needed

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Baseball club owners, unable to get economic concessions from their players, want 11 new ballparks and said some teams may move if cities don't help with funding.

"There are some teams that will not survive in this economic environment without new stadiums," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Wednesday. "You can't sugarcoat it."

American League president Gene Budig said the league would have commitments within 180 days for six new stadiums. The ballparks would be built for Boston, California, Detroit,

Milwaukee, Seattle and even Minnesota, where the Metrodome was built in 1982.

National League president Leonard Coleman was less definitive, but said his league wants new stadiums in the near-term for Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and San Francisco. Ballparks for Philadelphia and the New York Mets are on his long-term list.

"If your stadium economics are difficult, your overall economics are difficult," said Selig, the controlling owner of the Milwaukee Brewers. "It's one. Mandrake the Magician can't solve for you. You can't create more

people. A new stadium can be your only hope."

Budig said he expects all the new ballparks in his league to be funded by public-private partnerships. The announcements, made at the owners' quarterly meetings, may lead some teams to threaten moving unless government funds are made available for stadiums.

"I believe the general public realizes the importance of baseball to these communities," Budig said. "To lose a major-league baseball franchise would send an unfortunate message to business and industry."

Mantle prognosis positive

DALLAS (AP) — Former baseball star Mickey Mantle has "an excellent chance for recovery" after getting a new liver in a 7½ hour transplant operation yesterday.

The new liver was draining properly and his kidneys were working again, lead transplant surgeon Dr. Robert Goldstein said in a news conference yesterday afternoon.

Mantle underwent the transplant early yesterday, one that doctors said was needed to save his life. There were some initial difficulties with scar tissue from earlier gall bladder surgery.

"He now has an excellent chance for recovery," Goldstein said. "He's very stable but still critical."

Goldstein said Mantle had "a week, maybe two to live" had he not received a new liver.

Mantle's liver had been deteriorating because of a small malignant tumor, years of alcohol abuse and a long dormant hepatitis C infection, doctors said.

The five-year survival expectancy for someone who has received a liver transplant is about 70 percent. But because of Mantle's age and alcohol problems, Mantle's chances probably would be about 60 percent, said Goldstein.

Goldstein said doctors will continue to monitor for any problems developing from Mantle's

hepatitis.

A liver donor was found late Wednesday and once tests showed it was compatible with the Mantle, surgery began, said Jennifer Jones, a spokeswoman at Baylor University Medical Center.

Mantle was hospitalized on May 28 complaining of stomach pains. Although doctors publicly announced his condition Wednesday, they notified the Southwest Organ Bank Inc. on Tuesday that a new liver was needed.

Mantle was the centerpiece of the New York Yankees dynasty in the 1950s and '60s and one of baseball's premier sluggers. The Oklahoma boy who replaced Joe DiMaggio in center field retired in 1968 with 536 career home runs, which ranks eighth on the all-time list. Five years later, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

His career also was sidetracked by many injuries. Doctors speculated the hepatitis may have come from blood transfusions Mantle received during past athletic-related surgeries.

But pain and drunkenness were of little consequence to Mantle, who always said he expected to die young because no male member of his family had lived past 41.

His father died at 41 from Hodgkin's disease, a lymphatic cancer that killed his grandfather at age 40. One of his sons, Billy, also had a long struggle with the disease, then died of a heart attack last year at age 36.

The potentially life-saving operation came exactly 26 years after the New York Yankees retired Mantle's uniform No. 7 in a ceremony on June 8, 1969.

Foreman: I'll fight Schulz again for \$25m.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Popular heavyweight champion George Foreman, under orders to defend his title against Germany's Axel Schulz within 120 days, said yesterday he would fight him again, if he can get a \$25 million purse.

The International Boxing Federation last Saturday ordered Foreman to fight a rematch or forfeit his IBF title. Foreman, 46, won a controversial split decision against Schulz in Las Vegas April 22. Many ringsiders thought Schulz won the fight.

At a bookstore signing autographs on his book, *By George*, Foreman showed little enthusiasm for a rematch, except for big money.

"I see in the papers they've got a ruling I got to fight him in so many days," Foreman told Reuters. "But there's always something in the papers, you can't believe everything you read in the papers."

"If I read in the papers, I'd get \$25 million, then I would say it was true," he added.

His choice for a big purse is ex-heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, recently released from prison where he served a term for rape.

"I hung around for Mike Tyson," said Foreman. "Hopefully things will open up for Mike by



BOXER TURNED AUTHOR — Heavyweight champion George Foreman displays his autobiography titled 'By George.' (AP)

way of a fight before I leave the business," Foreman added. "This is my last year to box. He's got only six months to make the deal. Otherwise, I go out into the sunset."

He viewed a rematch with Schulz as a crowd pleaser but noted he took a beating in that bout.

"It would be interesting," Foreman said. "But why should I wait around and the guy hits me, and I have to chase him, and he hits me and I have to chase him."

"I want to meet someone in the middle of the ring and go toe to toe."

Sports bodies take war on drugs to China

BEIJING (Reuters) — As in any country trying to ferret out drug-abusing athletes, the element of surprise is crucial to a new international team pioneering anywhere, anytime, out-of-competition testing in China.

For the two tall, fair-haired, blue-eyed Swedes who have brought such testing to China, inconspicuous movement among 1.2 billion Chinese is easier said than done.

"Some of the people we have gone to test have obviously known we were coming," Petra Lofstedt, the team's female half, told Reuters in an interview. "But in other places it seemed to me that they were taken by surprise."

In 1994, 31 Chinese athletes, including world champions, tested positive for banned performance-enhancing drugs, up from 24 in 1993, according to Chinese statistics.

The problem has been worst in the swimming pool, where seven Chinese were banned for doping at the 1994 Hiroshima Asian Games. They included two women's world

champions, Lu Bin and Yang Aihua.

With outrage in world sports circles exploding into calls for a ban on China at international swimming meets, the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA) has begun taking resolute counter-measures.

FINA, a relative newcomer to out-of-competition testing, has teamed up with the concept's pioneer, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), and two other federations to finance an aggressive testing effort in China, based in Beijing.

China's membership in the federations obliges it to accept such programs and provide regularly updated rosters of athletes and where they are training.

"We are building the network," said Goran Svendsater, who hired the Beijing team under contracts with the IAAF, FINA and the world rowing and canoeing federations, FISA and ICF.

Unlike urine screening at meets, out-of-competition testing comes out of the blue and

is designed to take athletes and coaches by surprise — creating an incentive to stay drug-free at all times, not just during competition.

In recent weeks, Lofstedt and Nils Lindstedt have conducted about 15 rounds of tests in 10 cities, including major training bases in Beijing, northern Shenyang and central Chengdu.

Far from random, the tests are carefully planned in secret.

The highly autonomous team picks its targets just days or even hours before showing up with their urine-sample bottles and disclosure forms for tested athletes to fill out.

Lofstedt and Lindstedt will even switch flights at the airport, flying to a different city than planned in case someone might have got wind of their itinerary and tipped off athletes at the original destination.

In most cases, athletes receive notice of 30 minutes or less, too little time to slip away or ingest substances that might mask the presence of banned drugs in their urine.

Quebec City losing its sporting image

QUEBEC CITY (Reuters) — It was a blow when Quebec City's professional ice hockey team announced it was leaving for a new home in the US.

And the political atmosphere in the mainly French-speaking province of Quebec is even more uncertain than usual, with the prospect of a referendum later this year on its separation from the rest of Canada.

But the organizers of Quebec City's bid to host the 2002 Winter Olympics insist none of this matters.

"I hope that none of our rivals tries to use these arguments against us," says Rene Paquet, president of the Quebec 2002 organizing committee.

In May, ice hockey fans among Quebec City's 700,000 residents were devastated when the owners of the Nordiques sold the team to US entertainment company Comsat Video.

After 23 years in Quebec City, the team will move to Denver, Colorado, this year to join Comsat's other major league professional sports team, the Denver Nuggets basketball side.

Some residents fear this may damage Quebec City's reputation as a sports center and others wonder whether Quebec politics could be even more damaging.

The Parti Quebecois government has promised to hold a referendum this autumn on the province's separation from Canada.

Although opinion polls show most Quebecers oppose full independence, there is a fear that the referendum could affect the decision of the International

Olympic Committee on June 16 in Budapest.

"That's not serious — it's local politics," Quebec City's mayor Jean-Paul L'Allier said in an interview.

The Quebec government has promised to foot the Canadian government's share of the Olympics bill if the province separates. L'Allier says the Games should rise above such political considerations.

"Just as I accept badly that rivals might say 'you have political problems' I have never used religious character to speak of the candidacy of Salt Lake City," L'Allier said.

The three other finalists in the competition to host the games are Salt Lake City, Utah; Sion, Switzerland; and Oestersund, Sweden.

The mayor said Quebec City had all the assets needed to host the Games. With roughly four million visitors a year, it had the infrastructure such as hotels and restaurants needed to accommodate the expected influx of tourists.

The city's \$525 million bid will be financed 66 percent by the private sector and 33 percent by the Canadian and Quebec governments.

The bid provides for the construction of a \$35 million bobsled run, an athletes' complex for 3,500 people at Laval University and a media center inside a convention center already planned for 1996.

The existing 15,500-seat Coliseum will host the hockey games and skating competitions and house the broadcast center.

In February, a winter street carnival draws visitors from throughout Quebec, as well as Canada and the US — one of the selling points L'Allier is certain to stress in Budapest.

"We are a real winter city," said L'Allier. "You can be in a shirt and tie in February in downtown Salt Lake City. If you do that here you will die."

Besides politics, one hurdle Quebec City faces is that although it has excellent ski hills, none are officially good enough for the Games' downhill skiing events.

Quebec City plans to spend US \$14 million to build up Le Massif mountain about 90 km to the east.

Not everyone is eager to host the Winter Games. Many remember with dismay the 1976 Olympics, which saddled Montreal with debts of more than \$900 million. Andre Boncher, mayor of the wealthy Quebec City suburb Sainte-Foy, has been an outspoken opponent of the bid.

She persuaded thousands of residents to sign a petition calling for a referendum, but it never took place.

As the IOC decision date approaches, opponents of the bid are mostly keeping quiet.

Environmentalists are on board to scrutinize projects and native peoples are supporting the bid, all of which makes L'Allier and his team optimistic that Quebec will win.

"It's an extraordinary venue to offer the Olympic movement for the first Winter Games of the new millennium," he said.

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Rockets beat Magic in OT

Houston leads finals 1-0

ORLANDO (Reuters) - Hakeem Olajuwon's tip-in of a miss by Clyde Drexler with three-tenths of a second left in overtime gave the Houston Rockets a heart-stopping, come-from-behind 120-118 win over the Orlando Magic in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday.

"We just kept working hard and we knew the big fella was going to come on," said Drexler, whose driving layup from the right side over Orlando's giant center Shaquille O'Neal went off the backboard to Olajuwon on the left.

"I was in the right place at the right time," said Olajuwon. "When he put it up, I purposely held my position under the basket. I wanted to put it up, not come down and put it back up."

The defending champion Rockets, who trailed by as many as 20 points in the second quarter, used a 37-19 third quarter, led by Kenny Smith's 15 points on five 3-pointers, to climb back into the game.

The contest went nip and tuck down the stretch and into overtime on another Smith 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds to go in the fourth quarter.

The Rockets had heroes up and down the scorecard as Olajuwon finished with 31 points and four blocked shots, Drexler and Smith scored 23 points apiece, Robert Horry had 19 points and five blocks and Mario Elie 18, as every starter contributed at least 18 points.

For the Magic, O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway had 26 points each and Nick Anderson added 22. But Horace Grant was next highest with 15.

The Rockets showed the poise of champions while the Magic, the worst free throw shooting team in the NBA, lost golden opportunities to put the game away when Anderson missed four successive foul shots with 10.5 and 6.1 seconds to go in regulation.

"It wasn't my night," said Anderson. "I never missed four in a row before."

Given that second life, Smith calmly sidestepped a jumping Hardaway at the top of the circle and bagged his 3-pointer to force overtime. Horry blocked Dennis

Scott's shot attempt at the buzzer.

Orlando drew first blood in overtime, but a Horry 3-pointer gave the Rockets the lead at 113-112.

O'Neal made one of two free throws to tie at 113-113, but another Horry 3-pointer made it 116-113.

Hardaway and Olajuwon traded baskets before a Scott 3-pointer pulled the Magic into the last tie at 118-118 with 5.5 left.

"I knew there was too much time left," said Drexler. "I knew we would get a good shot."

Orlando had one slim chance after Olajuwon's game-winning, but Shaw's inbound pass flew wildly at the basket and the Rockets grabbed it and celebrated.

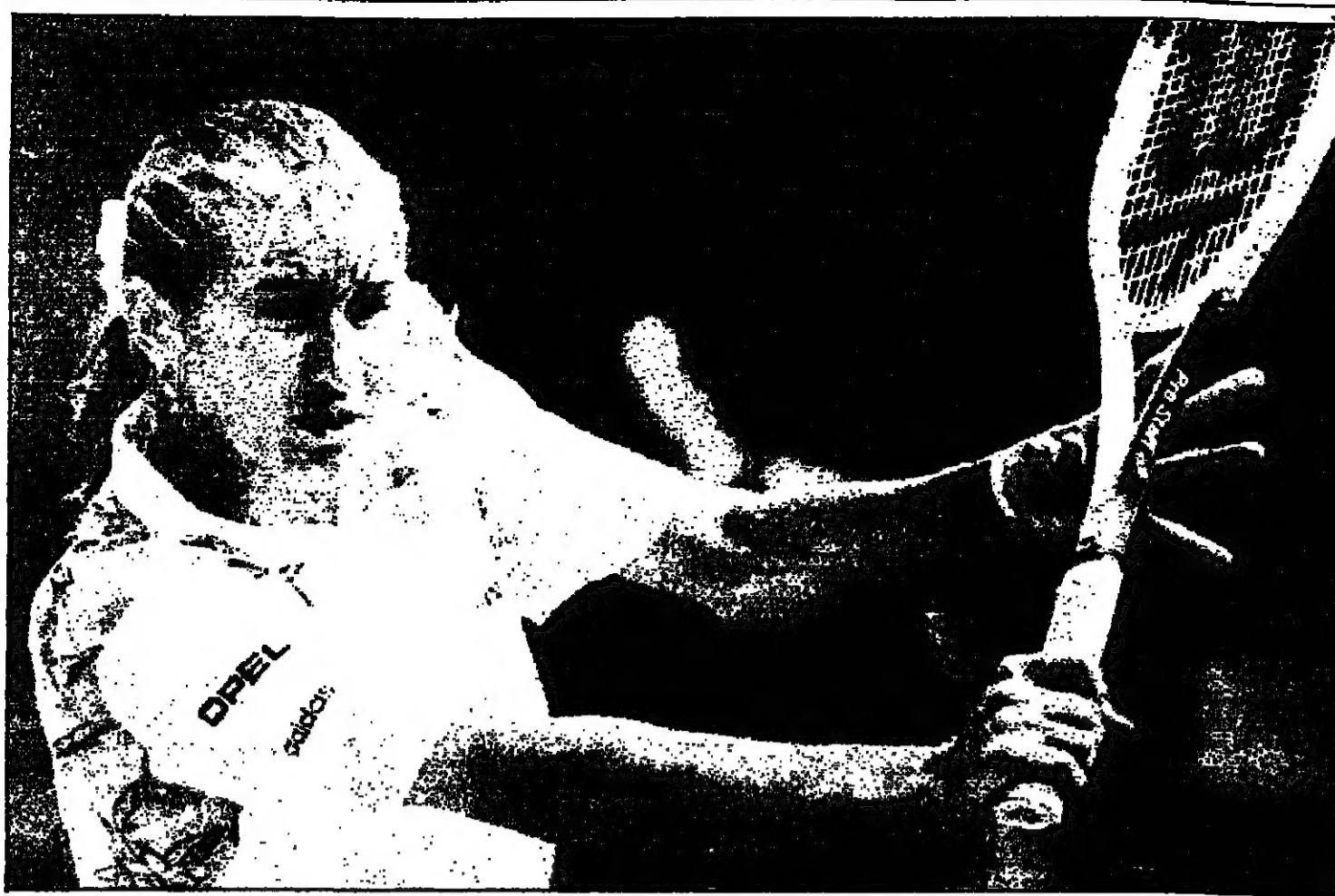
Game 2 of the best-of-seven championship series is today in Orlando with the middle three, if necessary, in Houston.

Orlando had 57 rebounds, led by 16 apiece for O'Neal and Grant, while Houston had 41, led by Drexler's 11.

After trailing 57-37 with under four minutes to go in the second quarter, the Rockets used a 13-4 run to close to 61-50 at the half and rode a 19-8 streak to go up 71-69.

Using three of Smith's bombs, the Rockets ended the third quarter with a 16-11 run to lead 87-80 heading into the final period, and 89-80 on the first hoop of the fourth quarter for their biggest lead, as the Magic clawed their way back in front at 98-96.

Three ties and three lead changes followed before Smith sent it into overtime.



RIGHT BACK AT YOU - Steffi Graf hits the ball to Conchita Martinez during their semifinal in the French Open yesterday. (AP)

Graf, Sanchez Vicario reach final

PARIS (AP) - Steffi Graf stopped a late comeback by Conchita Martinez yesterday to set up a showdown with defending champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the women's final of the French Open.

Graf beat the reigning Wimbledon champion in a tense semifinal 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-3. She was two points away from winning the second set and the match when she allowed Martinez to battle back.

Sanchez Vicario overcame a tough challenge from Kimiko Date to prevail 7-5, 6-3 in the other semifinal and her No. 1 ranking will be on the line against Graf tomorrow.

Graf is unbeaten this year in 24 matches and if she wins her fourth French Open title, she will regain the top ranking in women's tennis.

Martinez came into the semifinal with a 26-match unbeaten run, but fell against the same player who was the last to beat her, in the final in Delray, Florida, in March. Graf now leads the career series 11-1.

Two points away from defeat, Martinez rallied to win the second set. But she wasted three break points in the seventh game and a chance to go up a break in the decisive set, dropped her serve in the next and Graf took command.

Graf, plagued by back and leg injuries, has played sparingly this year, but when she has, she had not lost a set until yesterday's semifinal.

The German stormed to a 4-0 lead. Just as Martinez gained back the two breaks, she again dropped her serve and Graf served out the first set.

Graf went two breaks up in the second but again had trouble holding her own. She wasted four game points in the sixth game that went to seven deuces, allowing Martinez to pull back one break.

Serving for the set at 5-4, Graf's forehand, usually her most formidable weapon, deserted her. She hit two straight into the net as Martinez rallied to level the score. Graf again hit a forehand long as Martinez clinched the tiebreaker.

She survived three break points in the seventh game of the third set by hitting seven straight first serves in.

The spirited Spaniard got broken in the next game, but Graf again had trouble closing out the match.

She had to save two break points in between two match points and converted her third when Martinez hit a backhand long, ending the match after two hours, 33 minutes.

Date, the first Japanese to reach the semifinals of the French Open and seeded ninth, broke Sanchez Vicario in the opening game and troubled the Spaniard with deep, two-fisted backhands, followed by short-angled winners.

Sanchez Vicario, who also won here in 1989, broke back the break in the fourth game, broke for 5-3 and served for the set. Date refused to fold, however, fought back and stayed in the set.

With both players holding and Sanchez up 6-5, a double-fault by Date gave the Spaniard three set points and she converted the first to win the first set.

Date, already a break up, failed to take a commanding 4-2 lead when she dropped her serve and Sanchez Vicario then tied the score at 3-3, held for 4-3 and regained the initiative.

Sanchez Vicario, who is also fighting to retain her No. 1 ranking over Graf, broke Date at love in the next game as Date's game collapsed.

She clinched the match in the next game on her first match point when Date hit a forehand wide.

"She played very well. She is very dangerous if you let her play, she is hitting the ball very well," said Sanchez Vicario, who gained her seventh consecutive victory over Date in eight career clashes.

"I fought hard for every point, I was aggressive if you let her play, she is hitting the ball very well," said Sanchez Vicario, who gained her seventh consecutive victory over Date in eight career clashes.

"I feel bad about losing today but I feel I did well on the Center Court against the defending champion," said Date, who was seen off warmly by the French fans.

Sanchez Vicario had been battling a stomach virus and a fever for four days. "It's better now and I have one day to rest before the final."

The men's semifinals are slated for today, with two-time defending champion Sergi Bruguera facing the 1989 winner Michael Chang and Thomas Muster taking his 33-match clay-court winning streak against Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Windies start off strong in first Test

LEEDS (Reuters) - West Indies pace bowler Ian Bishop struck two telling blows to wrest the initiative from England on the rain-hit opening day of the first Test at Headingley yesterday.

Bishop, making his first Test appearance for two years after suffering a stress fracture of the back, removed Graham Thorpe and Mike Atherton to send England tumbling from 142 for two to 148 for four at the close.

His dismissal of Atherton, the in-form England captain, was the high point of the day for the touring team.

Atherton led from the front after his opposite number Richie Richardson had decided to field first on a day punctuated by squally showers.

The England skipper produced a fine blend of resolution and aggression to make 81 before edging Bishop to wicketkeeper Junior Murray just before the players were forced from the pitch for the final time.

Atherton's 144-ball innings confirmed his batting is likely to be a key element in England's prospects of upsetting West Indies as they seek to bounce back after losing to Australia in the Caribbean recently - their first Test series defeat for 15 years.

Bishop's first Test wicket for two years came when he trapped Graham Thorpe leg before for 20, ending a 51-run stand for the third wicket.

West Indies' two other successes between the showers were achieved by Kenny Benjamin.

He dispatched Robin Smith for 16 on his return to the England side after being dropped almost a year ago and followed up with the wicket of Graeme Hick.

Smith, pressed into service as an opener to allow Alec Stewart to keep wicket and bat in the middle order, batted cautiously in a first-wicket stand of 52 with Atherton.

Having been missed on three by Carl Hooper at second slip off Curtly Ambrose, Smith eventually fell when he tried to square cut a Benjamin delivery too close to his body and edged to Richardson at third slip.

Atherton, playing some handsome forcing strokes square on the off side, completed his half-century from 81 balls before losing Hick with the total 81.

Hick played a fierce cut at a delivery from Benjamin and Sherwin Campbell lunged on to an instinctive catch at point.

Rocket Roger back in form

BOSTON (AP) - Roger Clemens struck out eight and allowed two hits and two walks in five innings as the Boston Red Sox beat the California Angels 5-1 for their eighth win in nine games.

Clemens (1-0) struggled last Friday in his 1995 debut, one that was delayed by a strained right shoulder muscle. On Wednesday, he let only two runners reach second base. He left after throwing 87 pitches.

Rheal Cormier, Stan Belinda and Ken Ryan completed the six-hitter as the AL East leader beat the AL West leader.

Boston scored on RBI singles by Luis Alica in the third and Mike MacFarlane and Troy O'Leary in the seventh against Chuck Finley (3-5). Tim Lincecum added a two-run double in the eighth.

Clemens allowed five runs on six hits and hit a career-high three batters in five innings in a 6-5 win over Seattle last week.

WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS:

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WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS:

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World Cup underdogs sticking to working formulas

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - The three least fancied World Cup quarter-finalists all sounded notes of defiance after announcing their teams yesterday.

Ireland, Scotland and Western Samoa, tipped to return home after their respective games at the weekend, each stuck to the players who ensured them a place in the last eight and insisted they could upset the formbook.

Ireland made just one change to its team to meet France in Durban tomorrow, drafting in winger Daragh O'Mahony in place of Richard Wallace from the team that outpointed Wales last weekend.

The Irish left for the coastal city of Durban yesterday in determined mood, with captain Terry Kingston suggesting the French should take nothing for granted.

"We have achieved our first target in the World Cup by getting to the quarter-finals. Now our ambition is to make the semifinals," said Kingston.

"We have worked out a game plan to take them on. But there is no doubt France are a strong side and it's going to take a huge effort from us if we are going to beat them."

Scotland announced an even more familiar team to tackle an in-form New Zealand in Pretoria Sunday, sticking with the combination dramatically beaten by France in their final pool match.

The 22-19 defeat in Pretoria last Saturday condemned the Scots to an unenviable assignment against the All Blacks, but they do not intend to make it easy for their formidable opponents.

"We should have beaten France and the players know that and have drummed it into themselves," said manager Duncan Paterson.

"We will have to make better use of the ball. The last thing we want to do is get careless against New Zealand."

The Scots, for whom captain Gavin Hastings could be making his last appearance, added they were looking for a tighter performance in their quest for a sensational upset.

Western Samoa, returning to Johannesburg to face South Africa less than two months after being beaten 60-8 in a warm-up Test at Ellis Park, has promised a sharply improved performance against the hosts.

They included third-choice fly-half Fata Sini in their line-up, which shows three other changes from the team beaten by England last Sunday.

Sini, who came on in the second-half against England and scored two tries, replaces Esra Pule, himself filling in for injured first-choice stand-off Darren Kellest.

The Samoans also included flanker Junior Parame, whose tireless play has marked him as one of the outstanding performers at the tournament. He missed the match against England through injury.

"We will be better-prepared than we were two months ago," promised technical advisor Bryan Williams.

Barkan reaches Vanessa Phillips semifinal

NEW immigrant Nelly Barkan is on a sure path to her second successive victory in the second week of the Vanessa Phillips women's tournament, being played in Haifa.

Second seed Barkan, 375 in the WTA rankings, the winner of the first leg in Jaffa, and Tzipi Obziller (617), seeded seven, are the two surviving seeds after top seed

HEATHER CHAIT

Shari Burstein (356) fell yesterday to Floor Vioen from Holland 6-3, 7-5.

Barkan reached today's semifinal by defeating South Africa's Karen van der Merwe 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 and Obziller dismissed third seed Pamela Zingman from Argentina 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Limor Gabai (952) surprised the statistics with a 6-2, 6-2 win over fourth seed Ivona Mihailova from Macedonia, 429 place above her in the rankings.

Gabai meets Barkan today, with Obziller and Vioen contesting the second semifinal.

Play begins at 2 pm this afternoon with tomorrow's final at 10:30 am.

Lindros's OT goal gives Flyers needed win

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) - The Philadelphia Flyers, given life when goaltender Martin Brodeur gave up a soft goal late in the third period, beat the New Jersey Devils 3-2 Wednesday night on Eric Lindros's goal 4:19 into overtime.

The Devils were seemingly on their way to a 3-0 lead in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference finals with a 2-1 lead when Brodeur was fooled on a shot from the left point by Rod Brind'Amour with 6:03 left in regulation.

Brind'Amour was about 60 feet away on the left side of the ice when he threw the puck on net. It bounced once and then skipped by Brodeur, who apparently wasn't ready for it.

That uncharacteristic lapse by Brodeur, who has otherwise been brilliant in the playoffs, sent the game into overtime tied at 2-2.

The Flyers quickly took advantage with Lindros the trailer on a rush down ice. The Flyers' captain took a pass from the right side from Mikael Renberg, his "Legion of Doom" linemate, and beat Brodeur with a hard shot from the slot.

The Flyers thus won their first game of the series after two embarrassing performances in Philadelphia where they were thoroughly dominated by the Devils.

The Flyers will try to even up the series in Game 4 at the Meadowlands tomorrow.

Kevin Dineen scored Philadelphia's other goal. Claude Lemieux and Randy McKay scored for the Devils.

The Devils were 17-0-4 when holding a lead going into the third period during the regular season and postseason. Lemieux gave the Devils a 1-0 lead with his ninth goal of the playoffs, beating Ron Hextall with a shot from the top of the right circle at 1:32 of the first.

Just moments before, Brodeur made a nice stop on Dimitri Yushkevich's shot from outside the crease. The rebound kicked out to Scott Stevens, who fed Lemieux on the right side.

The Flyers tied it at 4:24 on a rebound goal by Dineen.

Last night Detroit was at Chicago for Game 4 of the Western Conference finals. Detroit leads the series 3-0.

Panthers fire coach, replacement unnamed

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) - Roger Neilson, who coached the expansion Florida Panthers through the team's first two National Hockey League seasons, has been fired, it was announced yesterday.

"I want to emphasize that Roger Neilson is not being released because of past performances with the Florida Panthers," general manager Bryan Murray said at a news conference. "However, we have decided that a look toward the future of the franchise is crucial at this time."

Murray said he was offering Neilson a scouting job in the organization but there was no immediate word as to whether he would accept it.

No replacement was announced.

Published reports said that Neilson found out about his firing Tuesday night, but agreed with team officials not to comment until yesterday.

Neilson, 60, led Florida to a 20-6-22 record this season and fifth place in the Atlantic Division, one point behind the New York Rangers for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Neilson, the first hire by the Panthers' original general manager, Bobby Clarke, coached the team to a 33-17-34 mark in 1993-94 - the best expansion record in NHL history.

Zvilli gives testimony

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

LABOR Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli yesterday gave testimony to the police in connection with the alleged financial irregularities in the Histadrut now under investigation.

The police may today also ask Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, formerly Histadrut secretary-general, to give testimony concerning Histadrut activities and his campaign activities during the Labor primaries for prime minister.

Zvilli spent about one hour at the police investigation headquarters in Jaffa, where he was asked to testify about the work procedures in Labor, vis-a-vis the Histadrut election campaign headquarters.

The police are probing a number of alleged corruption affairs involving the misuse of Histadrut funds during the Histadrut election campaign and in the primary elections of certain Labor Knesset candidates who held senior positions in the Histadrut.

The main suspicions focus on the alleged use of Histadrut funds by means of fictitious invoices to various Histadrut departments. These were allegedly used to gather information about the election activities of Haim Ramon, who ran against Labor's candidate in the Histadrut elections, former Histadrut secretary-general Haim Haberfeld.

Other suspicions involve using Histadrut funds to finance a number of Labor campaign projects during the Histadrut elections and to cover campaign activities of Labor candidates running for the party's Knesset list in 1992.

Among those questioned so far are Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Masha Lubelsky, formerly Na'amat secretary; MK Avi Yehzekel, former head of the Histadrut's organization section; Haberfeld and Artur Yisraelovitz, formerly Histadrut treasurer.

It was reported earlier this week that the prosecutor's office may soon decide to close down the case against Lubelsky, who served as head of Labor's Histadrut campaign.



Arye Danoch, 50, receives first-aid yesterday after being attacked by a screwdriver-wielding assailant while walking in the Old City of Jerusalem. He is the third person to be stabbed there this week. Police suspect the same man is responsible for all the attacks. (Brian Hendler)

Merkava-3 tops Livne's wish list

ALON PINKAS

If the IDF's Ground Corps Command was to receive an additional budget for weapons acquisition, it would unequivocally want more Merkava-3 tanks, OC Ground Corps Command Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne said.

Speaking after a Wednesday live-fire demonstration in which three Merkava-3s each hit targets at ranges of 2,200 meters and 3,300 meters with their first shots, Livne described the tank as "a force multiplier; by far the best tank in the world, and that includes tanks that I am familiar with, used by countries with which we share a lot."

Livne said the GCC's current annual budget is slightly more than NIS 2.3 billion. "Ideally I would want more for various new weapons systems. That includes more and better night-vision equipment and force-on-force computer simulators, but most of all I would want more Merkava-3 tanks. I would like the entire IDF tank force to consist of Merkava-3s, instead of some of the aging, albeit upgraded tanks we use, such as the Magach-7 [a modified M-60]."

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- 1:45 p.m. * Mallat Family Research Fund - Churchill Auditorium Plaza
- 7:30 p.m. * Festive Opening of the Board of Governors and Awarding of Honorary Fellowships - Kellner Amphitheater

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- 4:30 p.m. * Lyn and Malcolm Chaikin Membranes Project - Faculty of Chemical Engineering
- 8:00 p.m. * Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony - Churchill Auditorium

Tuesday, June 13

- 11:45 p.m. * Andre Ballard Chair in Biological Psychiatry
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